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An Editorial

RECRUIT!

Thousands Are Eager To Join the Party

IN ONE of their fondest hopes, the strategists, propagandists, and stoolpigeons of reaction have dismally failed.

They have been unable to shake the unity, clarity, loyalty and devotion of the Communist Party. They slandered. They lied. They addressed fervent appeals to the Communist Party membership. They dangled before the eyes of the Communists the panicky "resignations" of a baker's dozen or so of careerists glad to go back to the enemy. But it didn't work.

The Communist Party has emerged unscathed, stronger. Its leadership is united. Its rank and file are prouder than ever to be Communists.

This is not an accident.

The Communist Party is stronger today, after a storm of abuse, because the Communist Party *is needed* more than ever. It is stronger today because its truths, its devotion, its guidance more powerfully than ever answer the needs and interests of the American people.

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THE Communist Party has broadened the base of its influence among the American masses from whom it springs. Everywhere the people are discussing the broadest problems of world politics. In these discussions, Communists are heeded with more passionate interest than ever before if they know how to bring their message simply, clearly, and patiently.

The American people are deeply concerned with their living standards, their jobs, with relief, and pensions. They see their meagre pay envelopes dwindling under profiteering prices. They feel the pressure of the employers' demand for longer workdays. They are anxious. They are ready to fight for their economic and social security. The message of the Communist Party is like bread to them. It gives the masses strength in the fight against hunger and insecurity. They are ready for the Party in thousands, everywhere.

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RECENT reports bring us plenty of evidence of this new eagerness for the Communist Party program, of the unprecedented opportunity to recruit new members to the Party.

In Detroit's primaries this week, the auto workers honored the Communist Party with the highest vote in its history. In Cleveland, Ohio, the Communist candidate, Onda, surpassed the vote of 1937, and barely missed nomination only because of the splitting activities of an "Old Guard" Socialist and a Czech Nationalist.

Proof that Communist recruiting opportunities have grown is seen in the growth of the Communist press which has attracted thousands of new readers, people who are sick of the endless falsehoods of a war-moggering press which grovels before Wall Street and the Bank of London. The Daily Worker and the Freiheit have added thousands of new readers since the signing of the Soviet pact. They have won this new support despite a tirade of abuse and incitement unmatched since the vigilante madness of the Palmer Raids.

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MR. MARTIN DIES gloating over the "collapse" of the Communist Party was accompanied by a speeded-up drive to suppress it. If the Communists are so "weak" why does Mr. Dies have to strangle American democracy in order to crush this "weak" Party?

If the New York Board of Elections believed Martin Dies' prophecies of Communist Party "collapse" would they make a doormat of civil rights and try to wipe the C. P. off the ballot?

If the Communists of France were so devoid of mass support in their struggle for peace would Monsieur Daladier's bloodhounds be hunting down Communist leaders?

No. **These are unwitting tributes to the eager interest of all decent people in the message of the Communist Party, the message of peace, progress, and liberation from all oppression.**

"Under the concerted and unprecedented attacks of the imperialist war-mongers and their agents, the Communist Party of the United States has displayed great unity, loyalty, and devotion to American democracy and the working class, to the cause of Socialism and working class internationalism," declares the recent Party resolution on "America and the International Situation."

Thousands of Americans have not failed to notice this fact. They are drawing practical conclusions. They want to join such a party.

The interest in Marxist-Leninist theory is at its height.

New friends are coming to the Party. These are people of a splendid type, people who have weathered the abuse and bullying of the war crisis.

Every Party member can recruit today if he does his job.

The Party can grow more rapidly than ever because the message of the Party **is needed** more than ever by the majority of toiling America. Build the Party! It is the bulwark of the defense of peace, economic security, civil liberty, and America's future.

Let every Communist resolve today to recruit, to be a Paul Revere of Democracy, peace and Socialism.

Millions of our fellow-Americans who don't want to die for the profits of J. P. Morgan, who want their children to live a happy life, are eagerly awaiting the word of the American Communists.

Chinese Win 10-Day Fight In Shansi Province

Japanese Offensive Is Halted by Effective Mobile Tactics

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, China, Oct. 18.—The Chinese today chalked up another major victory over the Japanese to put beside that of Changsha earlier this month. This time the Japanese were driven back in southeastern Shansi province, the rock-ribbed North China province which the Japanese have been unable to control in more than two years of unremitting battle.

The Japanese defeat, in the hilly Changtzi-Kaoping sector, stretched through a 10-day period.

The Japanese set out for the offensive in force. They had 70,000 infantry, 15,000 cavalry, 70 mountain and field guns and 130 armored cars.

When the battle ended, the Japanese left 5,000 dead soldiers on the battlefield and took back more than 10,000 wounded.

The Chinese attributed the scale of the Japanese casualties to their effctive use of mobile tactics combined with better knowledge of the terrain.

HALT COUNTER-DRIVE

While part of the Chinese force involved in the battlefield held the Japanese at a predetermined position, large Chinese forces were sent in a swift encircling movement around the Japanese flanks.

When they suddenly swooped down upon the unprepared Japanese, the invaders were forced to sound a general retreat and run for safety, with the Chinese pursuing them northwards to the district of Changhchi and Chantz.

During a raid on the Japanese military airport at Hankow on Oct. 14, Chinese bombers destroyed at least 36 Japanese planes and killed 30 Japanese airmen.

Chinese troops were reported to be continuing their offensive in the northern part of Kiangsi province, Central China.

Japanese efforts to counter-attack near Fenghsien were easily halted by the Chinese, who were also within three miles of Tsinan.

Reich Group In Moscow for Repatriation

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Oct. 18.—A German Government commission headed by Counsellor von Kampfefeur arrived in Moscow yesterday for negotiations regarding evacuation from the western Ukraine and western Byelo-Russia of German citizens and individuals of German origin desirous of migrating to Germany.

These two non-Polish areas were occupied by the Red Army on instructions of the Soviet Government to protect the security of the Soviet Union and the lives and property of the inhabitants following the breakdown of the Polish state.

FDR Orders Foreign Subs To Keep Out

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (UP).—President Roosevelt today issued a proclamation banning belligerent submarines from territorial waters and ports of the United States.

The proclamation, issued under the Neutrality Act, permits entry only by submarines "which are forced into such ports" or territorial waters by "force majeure"—the latter being a diplomatic term for accidents or "major force."

Even then, the proclamation specifies that submarines may enter only "while running on the surface with the conning tower and superstructure above water and flying the flag of the belligerent state which it represents.

The President has repeatedly asserted that this nation's territorial waters "extend as far at sea as this nation's interests require them to extend.

3,000 Picket Dodge Plant In Lockout

Union Says Co. Prevented Men from Work to Charge Slowdown

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Oct. 18. — Charging Chrysler Corporation with locking out 30,000 Dodge workers by permitting them to only work a few minutes each day and then accusing the union of "slowdowns" the C. I. O., United Automobile Workers Union today threw a picket line of 3,000 men around the Dodge main plant at 7:30 A. M.

Richard T. Frankensteen, U. A. W., Regional Director, emphasized that this was not a strike, **"We don't consider it a strike as yet," said Frankensteen, "however, it could be turned into a strike later as we have the authorization of the workers.**

"The men were not prevented from entering the plant by the Company, but they have been prevented by the company from working. The men have been going into the plant and then sent home a few minutes later by the Corporation.

Today instead of entering the plant the men remained outside and established their picket line."

Patrick Quinn, Dodge local union President, said "the company is guilty of locking out the men, Tuesday when the men came to

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33-Degree Cold Sets Record Here

The 33-degree temperature registered at 6:20 A.M. yesterday was the lowest ever recorded by the local weather bureau on an Oct. 18. The previous low was 35 degrees, in 1929. The highest temperature ever recorded here for an Oct. 18 was 82 degrees, in 1908. Forecast for today was: Partly cloudy and warmer.

French Lose More Ground And Men in Nazi Drive

Shift Reserves to Meet Expected Big Blow from Germans

BERLIN, Oct. 18 (UP).—France lost more territory and prisoners yesterday in German attacks on the Western Front, the German high command reported today.

"French troops yesterday gave up further points along the frontier between the Moselle and the Pfaelzer Forest," the high command's communique reported, "which were occupied by our advancing troops

"Numerous prisoners were taken."

On Monday and Tuesday, the command said, the Allies lost 10 airplanes in German air raids on the British coast and British and French reconnaissance flights over Germany.

"The German air force yesterday continued operations against naval harbors on the British eastern coast," the communique reported.

"According to reports so far one old battleship (The Iron Duke) in addition to other warships was hit by bombs of heavy and medium size in the bay of Scapa Flow.

PLANE DOWNED IN RAID

"During the air battle one British pursuit plane was shot down by German planes. One German plane crashed as the result of British anti-aircraft gun fire.

"On October 16 and 17 our opponents lost 10 airplanes, five of them, including one British airplane, over German territory, as the result of German anti-aircraft fire. One British and one French plane were downed in an attack by German pursuit planes. Three British planes were downed in air battles over British territory."

FRENCH SHIFT RESERVES TO MEET ATTACK

PARIS, Oct. 18 (UP).—German patrols probed the French lines between the Moselle and the Saar Rivers today, heightening allied anticipation of continued German pressure somewhere along the front where two German drives on Mon-

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British Admit Knowing Nothing Of Turkish Talks

LONDON, Oct. 18 (UP). — The foreign office issued a communique today stating that the government was not yet fully informed of the details of the long Soviet-Turkish negotiations in Moscow.

The communiqué said specifically that a statement by Reuter's News Agency on the Soviet - Turkish parleys is not necessarily correct in all details.

British Freighter Radios for Aid

BOSTON, Oct. 18 (UP). — The British freighter Blairbeg radioed the navy early today that it needed "immediate assistance" 800 miles east of Boston.

The Coast Guard Cutter Duane was dispatched to aid the 2,845-ton ship.

SHARP HOUSE FIGHT ON EMBARGO SEEN

Sean O'Casey Hails U.S.S.R. Peace Role

Irish Writer Answers Brailsford; Declares Hitler 'Headed Off'—Says Wealth and Privilege Forced to Give Way

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Sean O'Casey, famed Irish playwright and novelist, lauded the Soviet action in aiding the peoples of western Byelo-Russia and Western Ukraine in a letter to the London Reynold's Weekly, the popular cooperative weekly. O'Casey sent his letter in reply to the anti-Soviet declarations of H. N. Brailsford, foreign commentator of the Reynold's Weekly.

O'Casey's letter follows:

It is hard to understand H. N. Brailsford. In his last article he asks if Moscow is key to the war?

Would it not be more to the point if he had said that Moscow was key to the peace? For, above all other nations, Russia desires and needs peace to allow her great policy of construction to go on without interruption.

Mr. Brailsford says that the Poles have been crushed. That is not so, for millions of them are as fit as they were, and soon will be a lot fitter under the Soviet rule. They have been snatched from ruin by the Red Army.

What has Russia actually done by crossing the border of Poland? Precisely what France and England pretended they wanted her to do. By doing this, she has headed off Hitler.

It seems to me that Mr. Brailsford is looking at, and thinking of his matter, not from a Socialist, but simply from an English nationalist point of view. He writes of the Soviet Republic as if she were the old empire, fastened to oppression, plunder and aggrandizement.

Because Russia has marched her troops over a border (incidentally over her own border, too), she is, according to Mr. Brailsford, carry-

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Chamberlain Minimizes Nazi Gains

Declares Berlin Has Not Answered His Rejection of Terms

LONDON, Oct. 18 (UP).—Chamberlain, facing attacks in Parliament for his conduct of the war, today pointed out that Germany has made no response to his speech of last week rejecting Hitler's "final" peace terms and warning Germany to choose between abandonment of the Nazi methods or "war to the utmost of our strength."

Meanwhile British and German planes battled again over the British naval base at Scapa Flow.

The Air Ministry announced that "enemy aircraft apparently on reconnaissance" approached Scapa Flow from the direction of Kirkwall and Duncansby Head, South of the wartime rendezvous of the British fleet.

The German planes, sighted over Caithness, were engaged in battle by British defense planes over the sea off Duncansby Head.

The Germans dropped no bombs

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73 Aboard U.S. Ship Injured By Gale at Sea

The United States liner President Harding, battered by the high winds and heavy seas of an Atlantic storm, radioed today that 73 passengers and members of her crew had been injured—23 of them seriously—and that one sailor was missing and believed lost overboard.

This radioed report, from Capt. James E. Roberts, the first to state definitely the number aboard injured, was dispatched at 1:35 P. M. After the master of the liner had reversed a previous decision to head for Halifax and was riding out the gale toward New York.

The three earlier messages asked urgently for medical aid and supplies, advised the vessel had been forced to heave to, and reported that the mountainous seas in the North Atlantic had smashed part of the President Harding's deck railing and had carried away a lifeboat.

Medical supplies for the injured were put aboard the Harding by "a naval vessel," the Coast Gard announced in Boston.

The rescue ship was not identified, but presumably was the big coast guard cutter Hamilton. The Hamilton, operating on neutrality patrol under navy orders, had responded to a call for aid from the liner last night.

F.D.R. Sends Message to Oslo Group

Expresses Deep Interest of the Americas in the Proceedings

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (UP).—In a personal message to King Gustave V of Sweden, who convoked a parley with Norway, Denmark and Finland, President Roosevelt today said that "the conference of Nordic states convened by Your Majesty will be followed with deep interest by the government and people of the United States."

"Under the circumstances which exist," he added, "this government joins with the governments of the other American republics in expressing its support of the principles of neutrality and order under law for which the nations represented at the Stockholm conference have, throughout their history, taken a consistent stand."

SCANDINAVIANS MEET IN STOCKHOLM

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 18 (UP).—The Kings of Sweden, Norway and Denmark and Pres. Kyosti Kallio of Finland gathered here today with their foreign ministers and advisers to work out a common program.

Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland are linked closely in the Oslo trade group, but there are no military alliances or commitments among them.

King Gustav and Crown Prince Gustav Adolf met Kallio and Erkko at the airport and an hour later a historic meeting occurred at the

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More Opposition There Expected to Lifting of Arms Sale Ban

ISSUES COMPLEX

Foes of Repeal Shift Attention; Dies Move Complicates Case

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18.—Although general debate on repeal of the arms embargo will continue in the Senate for a few more days and will be followed by extended discussion of amendments, many seasoned observers here are beginning to shift their attention to the impending fight in the House.

Peace organizations and other groups which are opposing repeal have already begun to direct their main fire on members of the House.

Outstanding foes of repeal in the Senate such as Senators Robert M. LaFollette and William E. Borah have been speaking over the heads of their colleagues to the public at large, and the effect of this campaign will probably be felt when the neutrality bill reaches the House.

STRONGER IN HOUSE

It is generally conceded that repeal faces opposition in the house which is numerically much stronger than in the Senate. Administration leaders in the House are predicting that they will win by a margin of 20 or 30 votes whereas in the Senate they have been claiming more than a two-to-one margin.

An extremely complex situation in the House makes the fate of the repeal move there quite uncertain as yet, and it is entirely possible that the repeal advocates will strike a real snag.

One new development which has confronted administration leaders with an embarrassing dilemma is the announcement of the Dies Commitee that it intends to press for immediate action on its request for more funds and an extension of its life until 1941.

Until the Dies Committee made this announcement, liberal Congressmen who signed the petition to bring the anti-lynching bill upon the House floor had agreed to respect the President's request that neutrality be the only issue considered at the special session.

LEADERS' DILEMMA

Now that the situation appears to have changed, they may no longer consider themselves bound to refrain from bringing up the anti-lynching bill. Any one of the 218 signers of the petition may call the bill up on the floor of the house for action.

This situation is presenting the House leadership with two equally unpleasant alternatives. On the one hand, they have been unwilling to buck the Dies Committee, and they

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Latvia and Soviet Union Sign Pact to Triple Trade

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Oct. 18.—The Soviet Union and Latvia today signed a trade pact tripling the trade between the two countries during the 1939-1940 period. Total turnover of Soviet-Latvian trade was set at 60,000,000 lats.

At the same time the Turkish Agricultural Minister, Mukhlis Erten, arrived in Moscow with his party to visit the Soviet Agricultural Exhibition.

The Soviet-Latvian agreement grants to Latvia transit rights on Soviet railways and waterways to Murmansk, Soroka and the Black Sea ports as well as transit of Soviet goods through Latvian ports.

Anastas Mikoyan, Soviet Foreign Trade Commissar, and Latvian Minister Kocins signed the pact.

The Turkish minister was greeted at the railway station of the Kiev-Moscow railway by the Soviet Vice-Commissar of Agriculture, Vassin, Soviet Chief of Protocol Barkov, as well as by the Turkish Ambassador, Ali Haidar Aktai

Christian Mobilizers Can't Picket Church, Mayor Advises Valentine

Mayor LaGuardia took vigorous action yesterday against a threat of the fascist Christian Mobilizers to picket a church and rectory of the Catholic Paulist Fathers.

He ordered Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine to bar picketing of the church by the anti-Semitic group, which had threatened the Paulist priests because one of them had denounced the mobilizers' anti-democratic activities.

Declaring that picketing of places of worship will not be permitted, the Mayor set forth his policy on the matter in the following letter to Commissioner Valentine:

"I am in receipt of a communication indicating that a place of worship and rectory was threatened to be picketed for the reason that one of the clergymen entertained ideas different from those of an organization active at this time in propaganda. I have already communicated to your office the address of the place of worship and the rectory in question.

CITES OWN ACT

"I deem it proper it should be understood that the picketing of places of worship is not permitted. There is no labor dispute involved and in this country where freedom of religion is guaranteed, theological differences or even philosophical controversies are not contemplated in the law permitting picketing.

"As long as I am Mayor the people will be fully protected in their constitutional right to attend their respective churches, temples or synagogues to worship according to their own conscience and no one will be permitted to disturb their peace and rights while so doing.

"There is nothing in the Norris-LaGuardia Act which permits picketing of God. I ought to know.

"Please be guided accordingly."

In Making the letter public, the Mayor's office, which has been conducting an investigation of the subversive activities of the fascist Coughlinites, Mobilizers and Christian Front organizations, declined to reveal the name of the organization which had planned the picketing and the church involved.

It was unofficially but reliably announced, however, in other quarters that the Mayor's action was aimed at the Christian Mobilizers who had threatened the Paulist Fathers with a picket line.

Police Brand Malkin Testimony 'Hearsay'

Testimony before the Dies Committee of Maurice L. Malkin that Detective John J. Broderick and five other policemen divided $40,000 in bribes from the Communist Party during the 1926 fur strike was branded as "all hearsay" yesterday by Inspector Michael Murphy of Commissioner Valentine's confidential squad.

Murphy, who went to Washington last week to investigate Malkin's testimony, visited World's Fair City Hall yesterday, apparently to make a report to Mayor LaGuardia. But he found the Mayor was in Pittsburgh and would not return to his office until today.

The Inspector said he had made a report on Malkin to Commissioner Valentine, but refused to reveal its nature.

He recalled that fantastic charges similar to those made by Malkin had been investigated by the late Judge Joseph E. Corrigan in 1927 and had been proven false.

Malkin's testimony was also refuted by the "Guild Reporter," official organ of the American Newspaper Guild, CIO in its latest issue. The "Reporter" said:

"As the Reporter was going to press word came that the Dies Committee had produced a witness, Maurice L. Malkin, who claimed to have helped organize the Guild and who made statements alleged Communist affiliation of leading members.

"Headquarters officers who were active in the early organization could recall no such person, and the ifrst check showed no such name in the records."

ESTONIAN PAPERS DENOUNCE RUMOR MONGERS ON TREATY

Sole Purpose Is to Secure Peace on Baltic, They Declare

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

TALLINN, Esthonia, Oct. 18.—The authoritative Tallinn newspaper Pyavalekht today made a sharp reply to rumormongers spreading lies about Soviet-Esthonian relations. It declared editorially that the Soviet-Esthonian mutual assistance pact "has a lofty purpose—to maintain peace on the eastern coast of the Baltic Sea in the conditions of the present war of great powers in Europe."

The Uusi Esti also took the occasion of the arrival of Soviet troops to take up stations in Esthonia as provided by the mutual aid pact to make clear that rumors of "Sovietization" of Esthonia and Latvia were designed to impede good relations between these states and the Soviet Union, and had no basis in fact.

RAPS RUMORMONGERS

"The Soviet troops arriving here come on the basis of the mutual assistance pact which provides for respect of the independence and sovereign rights of the contracting parties and non-interference in each other's domestic affairs," the Uusi Esti said.

"The performance of the provisions of the pact is taking place in an atmosphere of confidence.

"Before the arrival of the Soviet troops, certain foreign circles intensively circulated absurd rumors alleging that Sovietization of Esthonia and Latvia was beginning.

"These foreign circles are making every effort to cause alarm, introduce confusion and spoil our good relations with our eastern neighbor But they will not succeed.

"We know that the conclusion of the mutual assistance pact and the performance of its terms is taking place in an atmosphere of confidence and collaboration.

"All these absurd rumors originate only from our enemies."

DEFENSE OF BOTH

The Pyavalekht declared that the pact "has for its purpose the equal defense of both states on the widest scale, without affecting the sovereign rights or domestic systems of both parties."

"The troops of the Soviet Union are not arriving in Esthonia to enforce a protectorate, and still less to establish some new system or spread of a new doctrine," it declared.

"The task of the Soviet troops is to strengthen strategic points in order to make possible a united defense with Esthonia's military forces against attack, or the threat of attack, from any big European state.

"The Esthonian and Soviet Governments have taken all necessary measures to accommodate the Soviet troops. The local population on their part will also assist in carrying through the terms of the mutual assistance pact which has a lofty purpose—to maintain peace on the eastern coast of the Baltic Sea in the conditions of the present war of great powers in Europe."

Soviet Troops See Peace Their Mission in Baltics

Friendship with Neighbors and Security of Their Homeland Is Their Goal; We Are Soldiers of Peace, They Declare

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LENINGRAD, Oct. 18.—Soviet troops now entering Estonia under terms of the Soviet-Estonian mutual assistance pact look upon their mission as part of the fight for peace, a Soviet press correspondent with the troops reported today.

"We go into Estonia as representatives of an army which is fighting for peace," one Red Army officer declared on behalf of his unit at a meeting of troops prior to entraining for Estonia.

The historic mission of guaranteeing the security of the U. S. S. R. and friendly Estonia was reported to have aroused keen enthusiasm among both soldiers and officers.

Every spare moment was used for political discussion on the Soviet-Esthonian pact and the international situation.

Lwow Workers Donate Time to Repair Work

Volunteer Work Sundays to Rebuild Shops Destroyed by Nazi Bombs; Rail Workers Take Lead, Cite Example of Soviet

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LWOW, Western Ukraine, Oct. 18.—The Lwow locomotive repair shops, which were damaged by air bombardment during the German-Polish war before the Red Army marched into the western Ukraine has been put in working order by the shop workers working on their own time.

The "subbotnik," as this special no-pay work is called, was organized Sunday by the workers on their own initiative after discussion of preparations for the elections this Sunday of the Popular Assembly of the Western Ukraine.

More than 1,000 workers, including many office employes, out of the 2,200 hands in the repair shops, took part in the subbotnik. Soviet-made steam cranes were employed during the repairs.

"We know how self-sacrificingly Soviet railwaymen fought against ruin in the civil war years," the workers' leaders declared. "We have heard that they took the initiative of the first subbotnik to restore transport, and we proudly follow their example."

German Planes, British Ships Fight, Say Dutch

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18 (UP). — Twelve warplanes reported to have borne German markings today battled six warships off the northern Netherlands coast near the German frontier, according to accounts from the Dutch island of Schiermonnikoog.

The battle started about 11 A. M. (5 A. M. EST) outside Dutch territorial waters and continued for two hours. Before the fighting was over, the Schiermonnikoog accounts said, the planes and warships had moved out of sight of the island.

Observers sai dthe planes appeared to have attacked the warships in dive-bombing.

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and made no effort apparently to repeat yesterday's attacks by three waves of bombers which dive-bombed British warships lying at anchor, damaging the battleship Iron Duke.

PRESS CRITICAL

Air raid sirens shrieked at Kirkwall but an all-clear signal was given an hour laetr.

The re-appearance of the German planes off the tip of Scotland in the Orkney Islands put defenses of the naval base on the alert, in fear that the German air force was scouting in preparation either for another air or submarine attack on the British fleet.

The Nazi bombing raids at Scapa Flow and at the Firth of Forth on Monday, as well as the amazing feat of a U-boat in sinking the battleship Royal Oak in Scapa Flow early Saturday, had sharp reprecussions in Parliament and in the press today.

Major Clement R. Attlee, Laborite opposition leader in Commons, demanded early explanations of the Government for the ease in which the U-boat apparently sent the Royal Oak to the bottom with a loss of 810 lives and for the failure to intercept the German planes before they reached the Firth of Forth at Edinburgh on Monday.

Newspapers said that "The Scapa Flow affair is a disgrace" and said that the explanations given thus far by the government will not satisfy the British people.

Chamberlain, giving his weekly war summary to members of Commons, spoke regretfully of the loss of the Royal Oak and her men including Rear Admiral H. E. C. Blagrove, 52, superintendent of Chatham Bockyard.

1,400 VICTIMS

The Prime Minister sought to minimize the results obtained by the German air force in its raids on Britain, then added a strong note of warning:

"In these early days we must not, of course, indulge in foolish boasts.

"The attacks so far made on our coasts have been few and on a small scale and it would be unwise to assume that we shall always be as successful as we have been in these first exchanges.

"There are many surprises in war and they cannot all be pleasant. But we have at least the satisfaction of knowing that we have made a good beginning."

He said that Nazi airplanes and U-boats had taken a toll of more than 1,400 lives in the British navy, but that the Naz's had paid heavily for their successes.

Of these 1,400 lives, 1,388 were claimed in two major blows by German U-boats—the torpedoing of the aircraft carrier Courageous with 578 men lost and the sinking of the Royal Oak with 810 lost.

Chamberlain said that only 424 were saved from aboard the Royal Oak. The dead included 24 officers and 786 ratings (seamen)

Lifting of Restrictions On Shipping Is Urged

Senate Committee Gets New Program for Revisions

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (UP).—Democratic members of the Senate foreign relations committee who drafted the pending neutrality revision bill today agreed to relax shipping restrictions.

The committeemen met twice today and will meet tomorrow to take final action on revisions which were supported heavily by shipping interests and by members of both parties in Congress.

Chairman Key Pittman, D., Nev., declined to reveal details of the new program, but it was understood that it would:

1. Throw open the entire western hemisphere to commercial aircraft.
2. Allow sea commerce to move freely to areas Siuth of 30 degrees latitude, South.
3. Open the entire Pacific to surface and air craft.
4. Empower President Roosevelt to revoke exemptions if certain areas prove dangerous to American seamen or ships.
5. Compel ship masters to make a full report to the collector of customs on cargoes bound for ports in exempted areas.
7. Limit commerce between the United States and Bermuda to passenger travel on transatlantic aircraft.
7. Forbid American ships traveling to belligerent ports in exempted areas from transporting articles banned as contraband in Presidential embargo proclamations.
8. Regard sale of arms, ammunition and war materials to a private buyer in a belligerent country as a sale to a government and on a cash basis.

Full Dominion Status Demand Made in India

NoTurning Back in Goal, Paper Declares on Viceroy's Talk

CALCUTTA, India, Oct. 18 (UP). The newspaper Statesman today demanded "full dominion status" for India in commenting on the statement of Lord Linlithgow, British Viceroy, that at the end of the European war Britain would consider establishing a new Federal government for India.

"There can be no going back," the newspaper said, "the goal is full dominion status."

The government," the Hindustan Standard observed, "has a stake in the future of the great commonwealth of India and all doubts of it should be dispelled."

Linlithgow's statement was issued as a White Paper at London, after he had conferred on it with such Indian leaders as Mohandas K. Gandhi. The Indian Congress had demanded that Britain state her intentions regarding India.

Paris to Rio via Stratosphere

QUITE UNEXPECTEDLY the Camille Flammarion dropped out of the stratosphere to land at Rio de Janeiro (where it is shown) after a sensational non-stop flight from Paris, with the famous French airmen, Henri Guillaumet (left, in picture at right) and Paul Codos (right). The fiers' report will have a tremendous effect on the future of military and civil flying.

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Irish Writer Answers Brailsford; Declares Hitler 'Headed Off'—Says Wealth and Privilege Forced to Give Way

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ing out her old traditional policy of expansion. Well, if the policy be the old one, the results are surprisingly new, and that is the thing which is frightening all the timid Socialists.

Two-thirds of Poland is now Socialist, and the Red Army is 200 miles nearer to us all, and pushing hard on the shoulder of Nazi Germany. After all, the peasants and workers of Germany, even Nazi Germany, are potential Socialists, and militant Socialism is knocking at their doors. That is, or ought to be, something to be grateful for.

For many years now Russia has been cold-shouldered out of every conference and consultation. Every effort, mean and meaningless, was made to keep the Soviet Republic out of respectable company So Russia got the frozen mit, and was told to stand at the door, and not knock.

Now, when the Soviet Power has recklessly burst the boundary, there is consternation everywhere. The stone the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. The coldly-welcomed caller has planked himself down in the best chair in the house, and important visitors are hurrying to make things up with him.

Well, England ought to do the same. Her best men should go to Moscow to see what can be done.

Brailsford says, "He (Stalin) might like to secure an ice-free port in the Baltic, perhaps, at Windau, at Latvia's expense. He might wish, in one degree or another, to bring the Baltic States under his control."

Why not? Is it not right that the Soviet Republic should have an ice-free port on the Baltic? Would it not mean a lot to 180,000,000 of people?

Russia is bound to have an influence over the Baltic States! She cannot escape it, even if she would. But at the expense of the Baltic peoples, or at the expense of vested interests?

If the Soviet method of life be good then it is good that the rest of the world see more of it. Wealth and privilege must give way before it.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Power, so long held at arm's length, advances, her Red Army to the fore, her artists, actors, intellectuals, and collective farmers close behind, all imbued with the one purpose—the bringing of a better-planned method into the ordering of life.

SEAN O'CASEY.

Totnes, Devon.

War Brings First Meatless Day to France

PARIS, Oct. 18 (UP). — The Government today banned the sale or serving of all meat on Mondays and of beef on Tuesdays, but insisted there was no shortage.

The beef ban was decreed because of the need of large quantities for the fighting forces. Beef has more energy-producing qualities and can be transported more easily than other meat, it was explained.

Blackouts Double Deaths On Britain's Highways

LONDON, Oct. 18 (UP).—With enforcement of nightly blackouts 1,130 persons were killed on British highways in September compared with 554 highway deaths in September last year, it was announced today.

China's 'Backdoor' Exports Gain Near Half Billion

Southwestern Border Cities Become Important Trade Ports; $88,000,000 Trade Increase Over Last Year Reported

CHUNGKING, Oct. 18 (ICN).—In the first six months of 1939, according to a report issued by the Ministry of Finance, China exported through the southwestern customs houses goods valued at $411,460,000—an increase of $88,860,000 over that of the corresponding period of 1938.

China's southwestern border-cities are assuming an increasingly important role as clearing centers, indicating that the Japanese blockade of China's 2,150 mile coastline has failed to paralyze her international trade.

The city of Mengtze, near the Yunnan-French Indo-China border, leads as China's new trade clearing center, followed closely by Pakhoi on the western-most tip of Kwantung Province.

Meanwhile the total value of China's exports is on the upward trend, although the balance is yet unfavorable. This past July China exported $79,884,949, an increase of $11,459,282 over the figure of the preceding month. The import figure for the same month is $116,874,510, a decrease of $35,720,714 over that of the preceding month.

Army, Navy to Seek Budget of 4 Billion

Requests for Expansion and Improvements in Both Departments Have Approval of President; Army Would Outfit 400,000 Men

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Appropriation of nearly $4,000,000,000, the largest peace time defense budget ever sought, will be asked Congress in its next session for the army and navy.

Officers of both forces, with the approval of President Roosevelt, are now drafting the plans for the program. Special attention is being paid to the improvement of army equipment.

For the past few years, it was pointed out, the major stress has been laid on navy development. For example, only 17,000 of the new semi-automatic rifles are now in army service.

In the plans now being prepared the expense will be based upon equipment of an army of 400,000 men. One of the defense weapons, anti-tank guns, are said to be seriously lacking at present.

WANT BETTER PLANES

Searchlights, anti-aircraft guns, radio, heavy artillery, motorized units are among other mechanical aids which will be purchased. Many bombers, larger and faster than any of the present flying fortresses are also planned.

In the opinion of air corps officers the addition of enough of this type plane would give the United States the best air force in the world.

It was made clear that the plans for the army are not being developed at the expense of navy building, but in addition to it

Naval plans at present call for the building of two 45,000 ton battleships, eight new cruisers, and an equal number of submarines and destroyers.

Alaskan Eskimos To Go to South Pole with Byrd

BOSTON, Oct. 18. — When the government's Antartic expedition sails early next month, two men from near the top of the world will have a chance to see how life goes on at the bottom.

Johnny Kalerrak, 34, is ship's cook, and Franklin Johnson, 23, an oiler, on the boat North Sea.

"So far as we know," said Chief Engineer, Herman Sanwick, "these fellows will be the first Alaskan Eskimos to get a ride to the South Pole area."

Anti-Nazi Germans in Mexico Open School

By Alfred Miller

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 18.—To counteract the propaganda of the Nazi schools in Mexico, the Liga Pro-Cultura Alemana en Mexico, well-known anti-fascist organization of German democrats, opened its first "Centro Escolar Aleman" (German Study Center) here yesterday.

Heading a staff of 12 teachers and professors, Ludwig Renn famous German writer, is the director of the school "a free school of free Germans for free Mexicans," as newspaper announcements posters and leaflets called it.

The curriculum of the school includes the study of the German language, special courses for professionals, literary and musical circles and lectures on various topics.

School building and other facilities have been put at the school's disposal by the Mexican Ministry of Education. The powerful Mexican Union and all progressive intellectual circles of this capital are giving it vigorous support and encouragement.

Main speaker at the opening last night was Dr. Enrique Gonzalez Aparicio, director of the Labor Bank and economic adviser to President Cardenas. He greatly lauded the German League's "uninterrupted service on behalf of Mexico" and its anti-Nazi character of the school, and briefly told the large audience of the great influence of German culture upon progress in Mexico

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He spoke of the Humboldt brothers and their early contributions to Mexico. Mentioning Lessing, Schiller, Goethe, Kant Hegel, Marx, Engels and others. Dr. Aparicio emphasized that "Mexican thought the culture of the world would be incomplete without the contributions of these men."

"In Mexico there has always been a great desire to learn German because the Mexican people understand the role played by German thought in the culture of the world," he said. "But today there is even greater necessity to learn the language, so that we shall better be able to fight the infamous Nazi regime which has done everything to defame and spoil German culture.

"The remark of the Nazi leader who said that when he hears the word culture, he draws his pistol, is characteristic of the Nazi attitude. I have been a bad student of German but one phrase has stuck in my memory: Alles fuer Deutschland, Alles gegen Hitler (Everything for Germany; everything against Hitler.) It is under this slogan that we should like to see the school operate in Mexico."

Other speakers included the representative of the Mexican Teachers Union, Prof. Roberto Ibarra, architect Ricardo Rivas who spoke for Mexican intellectuals, and Ludwig Renn.

Already 100 students have enrolled, giving evidence of the great interest present in this city for German thought and teaching.

RUSSIA REVISITED

Visitor Returns After 5 Years, Finds Abundance and Progress Everywhere

The following letter was sent to the Daily Worker by Dr. Albert R. Melnicoff, chairman of the Philadelphia section of the American Friends of the Soviet Union and a member of the American-Russian Institute. During 1933 and 1934 he spent ten months in the Soviet Union and has recently returned from his second visit.

By Dr. Albert R. Melnicoff

I have just returned from a seven-week tour of the Soviet Union. My previous visit was five years ago, and, in comparison, I found tremendous progress in every field of endeavor, many to an astounding degree. These developments are not confined merely to large cities. I found them everywhere, since I traveled over 6,000 kilometers, including in my tour Leningrad, Moscow, Kharkov, Rostov-on-Don, Ordzhonikidize; I crossed the Caucasus Mountains by bus over the world-famous Georgian military highway to Tbilisi, then by train to Batumi; from here I continued by boat to Sukhumi, Yalta and Odessa. I completed a tour by train, stopping at the beautiful city of Kiev then going on to Moscow again and finally to Leningrad.

I spent from one to two days at each city (excluding Sukhumi) and over two weeks in Moscow. This gave me sufficient time not only for guide-directed excursions but also personal tours "on my own." Being able to converse in Russian, I learned much from Soviet citizens on trams, buses and subway (the latter of which is a marvel of unbelievable beauty).

I also conversed for hours on end in trains during my long rides between cities, and on the Soviet boats plying between Black Sea ports. The sum total of my conversations (during which I diplomatically avoided direct questions to allay all possible suspicion of a stranger) was an indisputable conviction that the Soviet people are solidly and enthusiastically behind their government; that they are unquestionably happy in their unparalleled economic security and superiority of cultural opportunities, among which is the world's only system of free college and university education with stipends paid to students while studying.

ABUNDANCE EVERYWHERE

One of the most gratifying developments which no tourist can possibly fail observing is the great abundance of food. The Soviet restaurants, as well as in theatre and movie and opera buffet, on trains and even on the street, eating to their hearts' content everything from borsch to deliciously pure ice cream and "eskimo pie," is to marvel that in a world of depression and unemployment, the Soviet Union has been able to solve its terrific food problem, and solve it for all time.

Clothing, also, has conspicuously improved, though this problem is still being dealt with and, as was the case with food, will, in a comparatively short time, be completely solved forever.

The housing problem is continually under attack, evidenced by dozens upon dozens of apartment houses and collective farm dwellings which have been completed, and by new ones in process of construction.

My visit to the stupendous agricultural exhibition in Moscow, where I saw Uzbeks, Tadjiks, Jews, Georgians, Ukrainians, Belorussians and numerous others studying the exhibits side by side, not only convinced me unalterably of the Soviet Union's absolute and permanent victory in the field of agriculture but showed beyond dispute the symphonic harmony which exists between Russia's score of nationalities.

BACK PEACE STAND

I remained a sufficient time after the present war began to note the people's reaction. It can be stated without the slightest fear of contradiction that the Soviet masses heartily approve the action of their government. They have been and are continually being trained in the art of self-government, and, thanks to the absence of self-seeking, misinforming newspapers, and the presence of only honest and intelligently directed sources of news and editorials, are well informed in the field of world politics. Therefore, when Soviet Russia made a trade treaty with her previously loudest defamer and menace; when the Soviet Union made a non-aggression pact with this same power, and when the Soviet Union marched past its borders to succor its western Ukrainians and Belorussians who were in danger of annihilation, the Soviet masses looked on approvingly—for they understood.

at the FRONT

The horror of war has burst over Central Europe. News comes to us through shell-fire and smoke screens, through a barrage of charges and counter-charges. And when the smoke clears, it is obvious that today, as always, those who understand the news are those who read the Daily Worker.

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Judge to Rule on C P Candidates' Petitions Today

Arguments Presented in Queens for Show Cause Order to Election Board; Opposition Bases Whole Case on Technicality

Queens Supreme Court Justice Charles W. Froessel is expected to hand down his decision at 10 A.M. today upon arguments on a show cause order directing officials of the Board of Elections to show why they should not be compelled to place the councilmanic candidates of the Communist Party on the ballot.

Arguments heard before Justice Froessel yesterday at Queens Supreme Court in Jamaica affecting the status of Paul Crosbie, Communist candidate in Queens, will, by agreement, apply to similar show cause orders served in Bronx, Manhattan and Brooklyn for the respective candidates in these counties.

Either way the ruling goes this morning, it is expected that the case will go immediately to the Appellate Court, as assistant Corporation Counsel Seymore Quel had already indicated that the Board of Elections will appeal. The Communist Party's State Committee had announced that it will appeal the case to the limit.

Representing the Communist Party in the hearing before Justice Froessel was Attorney David M. Freedman. Osman K. Fraenkel, represented the American Civil Liberties Union, which has intervened in support of the Communist Party's fight.

In addition to Quel, the objector before the Board of Elections against a place on the ballot for the Communist candidates, John J. O'Connor, was represented in court by Attorney J. Daniel Dougherty.

The court case will determine the validity of nominating petitions bearing 41,000 names—five times as many as are needed—to place Crosbie, Peter V. Cacchione, Israel Amter and Isadore Begun on the November 7 ballot. The claim of the election board is that the names are invalidated because those who certified the lists did not mark their assembley and election districts.

At yesterday's hearing in Jamaica there was unanimous agreement that the validity of the petition signers is not questioned and that the persons who certified the petitions were qualified to do so. The objectors based their case only on the claim that since certain information required by the law is not supplied the petitions are invalid.

INFORMATION SUPPLIED

Citing a previous Queens Supreme Court ruling and an Appellate Court decision on two precisely similar cases, Freedman showed that such ommision was not considered as "substantial" violation and could be amended. The basic informaton required, the addresses of those who certified the lists, was given. An election board directory easily gives the missing information. Also it was pointed out the court has discretionary power to accept amendments to the petitions, giving the missing minor information.

Freedman forthwith presented to the court affidavits in which the A.D. and E.D. of each of those who certified Crosby's petitions is given, thus supplying in full the requirement of the Board of Elections.

Justice Groessel took under advisement all matter bearing on this technical phase of the petition but ruled out all arguments made by O'Connor's attorney about the Communist Party not being "recognized" by the state; that it is "associated with the Communist Party of the Soviet Union" and similar statements.

Dougherty's claim that failure by the Communist Party to draw a large enough state-wide vote in 1936 to insure it a place on the state ballot, Froessel ruled, has nothing to do with the Party's status in the councilmanic elections as entirely different rules and procedure govern the latter.

The court also ignored attempts of Dougherty to introduce as support statements George U. (Rubber Hose) Harvey, Queens Borough President, who boasted that a court refused to overrule his refusal to grant a municipally owned building for a Crosbie meeting.

Fraenkel added his voice to Freedman's stressing that the omission on the endorsements is not substantial, and not ground for disfranchising thousands of voters who signed them.

3rd Louisiana Politico Kills Self in Scandal

Income Tax Consultant to LSU Head Is Latest to Commit Suicide

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 18 (UP).—Lawrence Merrigan, 35, former internal revenue collector, last night became the third Louisiana politician to kill himself in five weeks of public scandal.

Like the others—Dr. James A. Shaw, director of the minerals division of the State Conservation Department, and George Heidelberg, head of the National Youth Administration at Louisiana State University—Merrigan shot himself. He was in a hotel room. The cause of his act was not disclosed.

He had been income tax consultant for Dr. James Monroe Smith, the former L. S. U. president who faces numerous Federal and State indictments for swindling. He was once indicted but not prosecuted for collecting Republican campaign funds from Federal employes.

Fourteen more politicians and their associates were indicted by two Federal grand juries yesterday, indicating that Federal investigators had not yet reached the bottom of years of corruption extending back into the days of the assassinated Huey P. Long.

Auto Workers Reopen Talks At Nash Plant

KENOSHA, Wis., Oct. 18 (UP).—Vice presidents of the United Automobile Workers Union (CIO) and the Nash Kelvinator Company today reopened negotiations to end a strike which has kept 6,100 employes idle for two weeks.

Edward Hall, representing the union, and William F. Armstrong, representing the company, came here from Detroit and met with the factory management and the executive committee of UAW Local No. 72, who had become deadlocked after agreeing on wage and hour demands.

The strike was called Oct. 1 in the Kenosha plant, employing 3,000, and spread to an affiliated plant at Milwaukee where 3,100 were working.

35 Convicted For Protest at Relief Bureau

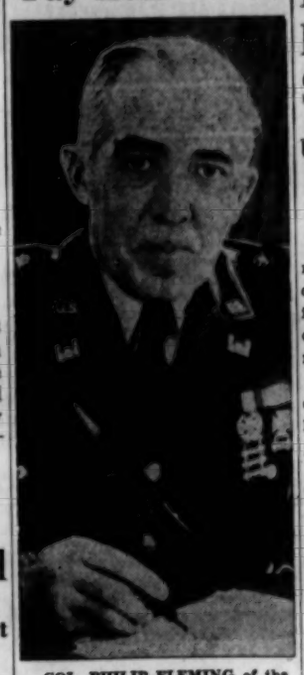
Thirty-five members of the Workers Alliance and United American Artists, were yesterday found guilty on charges growing out of their joint protest action at the singlemen's relief office at 106 Spring St. and were given a suspended sentence of one day in jail.

The 35, arrested last Friday night, had served in prison over night until Saturday afternoon.

More than 200 members of the Alliance packed the court room as the case came up before Magistrate Dwyer at First Magistrate's Court.

Their arrest came at the closing hour of the welfare office as they insisted on an answer to the long-pending case of a dismissed WPA worker.

Pay-Hour Chief



COL. PHILIP FLEMING of the Army Engineers, who was appointed by President Roosevelt as Wage-Hour Administrator. He succeeds Elmer F. Andrews who resigned Monday.

Insurance Ring Killer Is Given Death Sentence

Poisoner Who 'Squealed' on Others to Die in Electric Chair

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18 (UP).—Herman Petrillo, who quit his job as a spaghetti and olive oil salesman to become a lieutenant for Philadelphia's arsenic murder for insurance ring, today was sentenced to die in the electric chair for the poison slaying of one of the syndicate's many victims.

Petrillo was found guilty last spring of slaying Ferdinand Alfonsi, a WPA worker. The jury recommended the death penalty.

Judge Harry S. McDevitt pronounced sentence. Petrillo heard the sentence without emotion.

Petrillo had boasted to his friends that his "squealing" would pay dividends in the form of a light sentence.

The Alfonsi case really broke the vast machinations of the murder ring. Alfonsi died in a hospital in 1938.

Msgr. Lavell To Be Buried in Cathedral Crypt

The burial of Rt. Rev. Monsignor Michael J. Lavelle, 83, venerable rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral who died Tuesday night will take place in the crypt of the Cathedral.

Msgr. Lavelle spent his entire 60 years in the Catholic priesthood in the Cathedral parish, 54 of them as rector of it. Most Rev. Francis Spellman, Archbishop of New York was at the bedside of the aged rector when he died.

Martin Faked Debt on House, Senate Hears

Used Fraudulent Paper to Stop Attachment on B'klyn Home

ALBANY, Oct. 18. — A dummy mortgage was placed on the home of County Judge George W. Martin, it was admitted at the Senate trial on Martin's removal, by his attorney Samuel M. Rapps.

The mortgage was applied in order to prevent reattachment of the home in a $10,000 suit in which the judge was involved.

The house was in the name of the judge's wife. When the second mortgage was paid off the house was sold and repurchased for $2,500, about the amount of the second mortgage. The dummy mortgage was then obtained.

Denying that there was anything unusual about the transaction, Rapps said it was a common practice. He admitted that the judge was "just as interested" in the transaction as was his wife.

This transaction is the second one in the counts against the judge prepared by the extraordinary Grand Jury.

The charge states:

"The procedure used in the transaction constituted a direct violation of penal statues and an infraction of the debtor and creditor law, in that there was a definite concealment of assets. This procedure was planned by Judge Martin's attorney with the Judge's consent and acquiescence."

Hood on Ballot In Boston for School Post

2,600 Signatures Certify Him in Race for Education Board

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 18.—Otis A. Hood has been certified as a candidate for election to the school committee here by the election commission.

Hood's friends collected 2,600 signatures to place him on the ballot. He will run as the nominee of a united front of progressive groups.

During the campaign Hood has received invitations to speak before dozens of organizations. Yesterday he received a hearty ovation from 1,000 school teachers when he addressed them on his program.

Hood, who is secretary of the Communist Party in Massachusetts, has accepted the invitation of the Communist Party of Boston to address its big meeting at Symphony Hall, Sunday, November 5, at which Earl Browder will be the main speaker. Browder's subject will be "The World Crisis." More than 500 advance tickets have been sold for the meeting during the past three days.

Ben Davis Speaks Friday on Fight For Negro Rights

"Equal Justice for Negroes under the Law—What Progress?" is the title of a lecture to be delivered Friday, October 20, by Ben Davis, Jr., in the Workers School. The lecture begins at 8 'clock sharp in Room 205, 35 East 12 Street. Admission is 25 cents.

Mr. Davis was attorney for Angelo Herndon in Georgia and associate counsel for the Scottsboro boys. He received his training at Morehouse College, Amherst College, and Harvard Law School. He is now a member of the Daily Worker Editorial board.

In his lecture, Mr. Davis will trace the struggle for laws which improve the status of the Negro people.

Minor to Address Kings County Rally Tonight

Robert Minor, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and Herbert Newton, educational director of Kings County, are among the prominent speakers who will appear at election campaign meetings sponsored by the 4th and 14th A. D. organizations of the Party during the week.

Minor will discuss the question, "Whose War Is It?" at the meeting scheduled for tonight at Havemeyer St. and Grand St. Extension, Williamsburg. Other speakers will take up questions connected with the local campaign for the election fo Peter E. Cacchione as Kings County Councilman.

Newton will center his remarks on the councilmanic campaign issues when he apears at Bedford and Flushing Ave., in the heart of the Negro section of Upper Williamsburg, on Saturday.

Campaign Activities of Councilmanic Candidates

Mother Bloor and Hathaway Speak Tonight at Women's Rally for Cacchione—Youth Radio Forum Friday

The veteran Communist leader, Mother Ella Reeve Bloor, will tonight direct a special appeal to the women of Brooklyn to "get out" the vote for Peter V. Cacchione, Communist councilmanic candidate of Kings.

P. V. CACCHIONE

She will speak before a mass meeting at Livingston Manor, Livingston and Schermerhorn sts., along with C. A. Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, and Cacchione.

Hathaway will speak on the resolution analyzing the latest phases of the international situation, adopted by the Political Committee of the Communist Party on Oct. 13.

Peter V. Cacchione, will speak tonight over Station WNEW, at 10 o'clock on "The Elections of 1939 and the Struggle to Keep American Out of the Imperialist War."

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Margaret Cowl, chairman of the Women's Commission of the National Committee of the Communist Party will address a women's rally in support of Cacchione for councilman tomorrow night at Lorraine Hall, 790 Broadway, (near Sumner Ave.), Brooklyn. She will speak on "Profiteering and the Role of Women in the election."

The four Communist candidates for the City Council will broadcast in a group tomorrow night when they are interviewed by John Little, New York State executive secretary of the Young Communist League over WNEW, from 10:15 to 10:45 P. M.

PAUL CROSBIE

They will be heard at close to 200 radio parties sponsored by the Communist Party and the Young Communist League.

"Youth and the Elections" is the subject for the round-table discussion which will deal with the last-minute developments on the international scene and the vital issues that face young people in the municipal elections.

The broadcast will mark the end of the first period in the League "Emergency Anti-War Fund Drive." In order to pay for the broadcast, Y.C.L. members are contributing a day's salary to the fund.

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Israel Amter, Manhattan Councilmanic candidate of the Communist Party, will speak tonight before the Croatian and Serbian Branch of the IWO at 236 West 40th St.

A mass meeting in Amter's behalf will be held at 29th St. and Seventh Ave. at noon today, with Alex Leith as speaker.

Stenographer Life-Saver

Miss Kathryn Fitzgerald, Philadelphia stenographer, pauses in her work to admire the medal presented to her in recognition of her heroism in saving the life of 10-year-old Doris Miller at Wildwood, N. J., last July. Miss Fitzgerald dived into the sea fully clothed to rescue the child, caught in the surf.

Attack on C P Ticket Spurs the Fund Drive

Bronx Division Plans Tag Day; 'Fill Quotas Now' Is Slogan to Meet Warmongering; County Mobilization Called

Determined to conduct its election campaign with increased fervor as a result of the election board's ruling barring Communist candidates from the councilmanic ballot, the Bronx division of the Communist Party today announced plans for a tag day to raise money for the Party and the election campaign. Barred from the ballot together with three other Communist councilmanic candidates by the Board of Elections, Isidore Begun, Bronx candidate today expressed confidence that the courts would reverse this decision. He contended that parallel cases had been decided against the board in the courts.

The Department of Public Welfare has granted a permit for the collection which is expected to bring out a record mobilization of Party members and sympathizers, according to county headquarters.

Slogans on collection cans and sashes to be worn by Party workers will urge first choice votes for Isidore Begun and the election of a progressive City Council. Mr. Begun is the Communist candidate in the Bronx and will take personal charge of the outdoor collection day.

The sum of money being sought in the state by the Communists is $250,000, of which $85,000 is for the Daily Worker, official party organ. The original plan of raising this amount in one hundred days has been revised to permit immediate fulfillment of quotas now. Increased responsibilities confronting the Party" in a period of imperialist war and warmongering at home" is cited as the reason for the change.

War Profiteers Menace Recovery, Hopkins Warns

Tells Business 'Over Optimism' for Big Profits Is Threatening Orderly Economic Progress of Nation

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (UP).—Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins warned business men tonight that their "over-optimism" regarding European war orders has endangered the nation's chances for a sane, stable business improvement. Pointing out in a statement that the development of European orders during the World War was slow he said that nothing in the present outlook justifies an assumption that purchases will be equal to or greater than those placed in 1914-18.

The possible duration of the war, he said, is too uncertain to justify formulation of business plans on an assumption that an increase in foreign buying is assured.

Inventory accumulations, he added, constitute a constant threat to prices and production when they are purely speculative because increased public consumption and greater capital expenditures are necessary to sustain current levels of business activity.

CAN'T CONTINUE

Such accumulations, he continued, may have a temporary effect in creating business, but can not "possibly continue as a stimulating factor."

Hopkins contrasted the spectacular upsurge in prices during September in all of the basic commodities as against the fever and less substantial price rises that marked the outbreak of war in 1914.

Apart from rubber, tin and sugar, which doubled in price during the second or third week of hostilities in 1914, prices of other commodities generally remained on a steady level immediately after the beginning of the war.

The effect of war in September this year on commodity prices was vastly different. He cited Moody's spot price index of 15 sensitive commodities which rose from 140.3 on August 31 to 169.1 on September 7. Beginning with the last quarter of 1915, however, a violent upward movement in prices began which carried on through the war years and into the summer of 1920.

Apparently, Hopkins said, the World War experiences were remembered in September this year and were an important factor in the price rise of last month. Traders and producers attempted to cover their future needs as far as possible while something corresponding to the 1914-15 level of prices for the present war period still existed.

"In attempting to do so they have already changed the shape of price movements for this war period as compared with the corresponding period during the World War," Hopkins added.

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FARMERS SET FOR ACTION IF MILK PRICE IS CHISELED

Mass Meetings Upstate to Weigh Course If Trust Refuses to Pay Blended Price Negotiated by LaGuardia

One doublecross is all the dairy farmers will take from the Milk Trust, according to Archie Wright, president of the Dairy Farmers Union, and if the price for milk agreed upon in the settlement of the milk strike last August is not paid in full on Oct. 25, there will be action.

ARCHIE WRIGHT
President, Dairy Farmers Union

Upstate the farmers are now preparing for a series of mass meetings throughout the milk shed to be held on Oct. 25, the day that checks are received in payment for milk delivered in October. If the payments are not up to the $2.15 price agreed upon, another milk strike will begin the next day.

Wright is in New York City attending the hearings of the Federal-State Milk Market Administration being held daily at the Hotel McAlpin. He declined to comment on the hearing itself, nor to make any prediction as to its outcome. It is the size of the checks on Oct. 25 that will be decisive.

According to the agreement reached last August when Mayor LaGuardia mediated a settlement in the milk strike, the distributors agreed to pay $2.15 for a hundredweight of milk. Payments for September, however, amounted only to $2.085, which precipitated the threat of a new strike.

Crux of the entire matter is the classification system of payment for milk. Under this set-up, there are nine separate price classifications, based upon the use to which the milk is put. Fluid milk used for drinking purposes heads the list with the highest payment. Milk used for ice cream, butter cheese and other like products is paid for at a lower rate.

The dairy farmer has no knowledge of how the milk he produces is to be used. At the end of a month, the total milk production and its consumption is analyzed, and the price paid the farmer is reached on the basis of how it was used.

According to the agreement reached in settlement of the last milk strike, the Milk Trust agreed to pay a flat, or so-called "blended" price, which would amount to $2.15 per hundredweight. Spokesmen for the Milk Trust now deny that any blended price was agreed upon, and insist that the classification system still controls payments.

ASK FLAT PRICE

The key demand of the Dairy Farmers Union and of labor and consumer organizations supporting the dairy farmers' struggles has been for substituting a flat price for all milk for the classification system.

The present set-up works an additional hardship on the producing farmer because he never knows in advance that he will receive in payment for his milk and therefore cannot systematize his production. He may spend far more in a month for feed than he will receive in payment.

That is why Oct. 25 becomes a significant date because that is when the checks are received and that will be the day on which current price will be known. If it is again below the $2.15 agreed upon with Mayor La Guardia, then dairy farmers can be expected to go into action once more.

In the meantime they are making all predarations for battle, with business meetings of the Dairy Farmers Union being held in every center and forces gathered for the contest.

3,000 Picket Dodge Plant In Lockout

Union Says Co. Prevented Men from Work to Charge Slowdown

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work they found no time cards. Lights were out in many departments. No heat was in the furnace and men were sent home without a chance to work."

ISSUES DISTORTED

R. J. Thomas, U. A. W.-C. I. O. President charged that the issues were being distorted and that both he and the union were opposed to slow-down strikes, which the Chrysler Corporation had been charging.

"For almost a week" said Thomas "spokesmen of the Dodge workers have been attempting to negotiate a settlement. The Corporation has given a flat "no" to all proposals. It has insisted that the workers have no voice in the speed of production schedules."

"I want to make it emphatic that the union will not tolerate slowdowns or speedup in any plant that the union has contracts in, and getting a contract that will settle the dispute will end all of the horseplay."

Tomorrow, union leaders and company representatives will go to Lansing to meet with the State Mediation Board. Frankensteen late last night made a last minute proposal to the company that three company and three union representatives investigate the charges of speedup, but the Chrysler spokesman turned it down.

The Detroit News, the "liberal" Scripps-Howard, paper jumped to the aid of the company with an editorial calling for an F. B. I. investigation into the Chrysler situation, Communists and union leaders.

SCRIPPS AND GERALD SMITH

This editorial was part of the red-baiting campaign against the union leaders which is being pressed by Gerald L. K. Smith fascist Chamber of Commerce radio commentator, who last Sunday called for the "investigation of Communist leaders in the unions."

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Clearly it is an attempt to intimidate the auto workers with threats of the F. B. I. and undermine the union leadership with false cries of "red."

U. S. Stabilization Operations With Gold Cease

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (UP).—British and French prohibitions against the export of gold have brought operations of the treasury department's $2,000,000,000 currency stabilization fund to a virtual standstill, it was reported authoritatively today.

Neither British pounds nor French francs have been purchased by the treasury since the beginning of the European war, and the tri-partite monetary agreement involving both countries and the United States is in effect only as a means of exchanging information, it was understood.

French Lose More Ground To Nazi Drive

Shift Reserves to Meet Exected Big Blow from Germans

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day forced the French back to their own frontier.

The Allies shifted their reserves and massed artillery to break up the assault if it should come The Germans had reportedly massed 800,000 troops in their front line trenches on the narrow 90-mile sector from the Moselle to the Rhine.

French war communique No. 90 tonight reported the general front was unchanged but that there was "great activity of reconnaissance elements, especially between the Moselle and the Saar."

Bad weather prevailed on the entire Western front. The Germans were said to have been obliged to use railroads for massing reinforcements. With the result that all lines of communication were clogged throughout the day. Rain and fog kept allied planes grounded.

French artillery shelled the German front line positions and roads and railroads with shrapnel to hamper the concentration.

The rains increased the Rhine flood. They also caused the Moselle to rise to a level eleven feet above last week's. The blies and other small streams flowing into the Saar River were flooded and the terrain, badly pocked by artillery in Monday's bitter fighting, was covered with water holes.

As a consequence of Monday's German advance along the Moselle, there is virtually no French hold on the vital triangle between the Moselle, the Saar and the frontier The Germans today consolidated their new positions through the village of Perl to Schneeberg. The French main line of resistance is dug directly on the frontier.

LOSE 20 SQUARE MILES

Thus the Germans gained about 20 square miles in their first Monday operation and advanced their lines three miles but it is now confirmed that their losses were well over 500 and nearer 1,000 in that maneuver.

On the contrary, their losses were not proportionately as great on the Zweirbruecken front in the afternoon battle, in which the Germans used five divisions. These divisions fought in depth and so only a few thousand men of each division really got into action.

The Germans took that unusual disposition of troops especially to avaoid losses from French artillery fire.

As the Germans dug in today they stretched out unusually deep wire entanglements, indicating an intention to hold their positions as near the frontier as possible.

It became clear that the two German operations were not intended as a mass attack on the Maginot line but simply to drive the French back to the frontier and deprive them of advantageous observation positions. Both operations can be written off as local action by oversize advance guards.

Asks U. S. Bear Brunt of Costs For Refugees

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (UP). — The International Executive Committee on Refugees recessed today until Oct. 26 after hearing its secretary, Sir Herberts Emerson, predict that the United States might have to shoulder the main financial burden of caring for men, women and children without a country.

Closing a two-day conference, the group voted to resume its work a week from tomorrow. By that time, it was indicated, the views of the 32 governments represented on the International Committee will be available.

In the interim Myron C. Taylor, American representative on the executive committee, and Sir Herbert will confer in New York with private organizations raising funds for the establishment of refugee settlements. Taylor is expected to transmit his findings directly to President Roosevelt.

Tests Bar 760 From Marriage

TRENTON, Oct. 18.—The venereal disease division of the Health Department, labelling the State's premarital test law "a sound procedure in public health,' disclosed today that 760 of the 62,764 persons tester for communicable syphilis during the first year of the law's operation were found infected.

Mother Tries in Vain To Save Boy's Life

4-Year-Old Boy Found by Janitor of Apartment House with Clothing in Flames—Damage to Home Slight

Mrs. Mary Mead, janitor of an apartment building at 509 W. 134th St., tried in vain yesterday to save the life of her four-year old son Harry.

The woman was sweeping the stairs, she said, when she smelled smoke coming from the first floor. She said that she paid no attention to it until she heard her boy calling for her to save him.

She ran down the stairs to find the boy standing in the hallway with his clothes afire. Mrs. Mead rushed into her apartment, but found it aflame. However, she wrapped the lad in a rug to put out the flaming clothing which shrouded him.

The woman ran to the street for help and passersby called the fire department. The fire in the living room was quickly put out and the boy rushed to Knickerbocker Hospital, but he was dead when he arrived there.

The hysterical mother refused reatment for her burned hands there.

Machine Ends Stamp-Licking

The new mailomat, which sounds the death knell of the old custom of stamplicking, makes its appearance in the New York Post Office. Patrons insert coins to the value of postage required and drop in their letters. Out they come, automatically prepaid. The machine handles up to 32 cents postage per item, including air mail, special delivery and foreign mail.

Beal, Company Stool And Trotzkyite, A Natural for Dies

Exposed by CIO for Aid to American Woolen Company—Sold Himself to Hearst—Issued Anti-Lewis Literature

Fred E. Beal, yesterday's Dies Committee witness, ranks with the most discredited of the chain of outcasts from labor's ranks that the House committee has called in for "expert" advice on Communists.

On March 8, 1938, the Textile Workers Organizing Committee of the CIO, now the Textile Workers Union of America, issued a letter to all its locals, warning against any aid to the so-called "Non-Partisan Committee for the Defense of Beal," because he was an American Woolen Co. agent and that labor "can look upon him only as an enemy."

"Beal has turned company stooge and is an enemy of the true trade union movement," said the TWOC letter on March 8, 1938." In Lawrence, Mass., he openly fought the TWOC in the American Woolen Co. election and supported the opponents of the labor movement. The Southern textile workers are against him. TWOC can look upon him only as an enemy."

The CIO's warning on Beal came shortly after the American Woolen election at Lawrence when the company used him to campaign against the CIO. Beal at that time issued vicious leaflets attacking John L. Lewis as a "dictator" and "agent of Moscow." The company sought to exploit Beal's reputation as a textile organizer in the Lawrence area prior to 1928.

GIVEN REFUGE

Beal was brought to Washington by the Dies Committee from a North Carolina prison where he is serving a sentence as a result of his connection with the Gastonia textile strike of 1929 when he was a union organizer.

Beal was in a group who were on bail pending appeal following the Gastonia strike, when he and several others jumped bail. They went to Europe and pleaded with the Soviet Union for refuge. In line with its policy of helping victims of capitalism, the Soviet Union permitted them to enter and gave them all the comforts and possibilities to live there.

While in the Soviet Union, Beal wrote a book, in which he praised the Soviet Union's policy and system in the most laudatory terms. That was in 1931-33. But as he wrote in his book "Proletarian Journey" here which appeared in 1938, while still in the Soviet Union, he had secret connection with Trotzkyites and sought to develop secret connections with Leon Trotzky. Referring to schemes he turned over in his mind, he writes on Page 340:

"But I had other ideas. One of them was to see Leon Trotzky who was in guarded exile in Turkey . . . I had an enormous admiration for the man.

"Some months previously when I first thought of the possibility of seeing Trotzky, I wrote to Albert Weisbord and Vera Bush who were New York Trotzkyites. I received a reply in code that they had arranged with Trotzky to see me about the same time that I got my visa. I was greatly excited and decided to risk everything on the attempt to get to Turkey."

Beal apparently hoped he would escape the long prison sentence here if he throws himself with full power against the Soviet Union and the Communist Party. He signed his name to a series of articles the Hearst papers published during 1936, probably outstripping in lies and slander anything printed against the Soviet up to that time. Later he threw himself at the mercy of New England textile manufacturers, with an anti-CIO campaign.

The North Carolina authorities, however, insisted on carrying out the sentence. Several who were Beal's companions in the Gastonia strike, and had served their sentences, have repudiated him publicly and refer to him as traitor.

His defense committee, headed by Louis Waldman, the war-mongering Social Democrat of New York and a group of Trotzkyites and Lovestoneites, is largely of people who find unity on the basis of hatred of the Soivet Union. Discredited, as a coward, traitor, company stooge and a fascist tool, the Dies Committee found him a perfect witness.

Cotton Pickers Strike Spreads In California

Pickets Win Release, Give Impetus to Wage Protest

FRESNO, Cal., Oct. 18. — The cotton pickers' strike spread this morning into Fresno and Tulane counties, following release of 142 pickets arrested last week in Madera county.

The strike continues in Madera, where it began spontaneously, pickers demanding $1.25 a hundred pounds of cotton as recommended by the report recently of three members of Governor Olson's cotton wage Board. The Associated Farmers has set the wage at 80 cents per cwt.

Three strike leaders who remain in jail after release of the rest are Ted Sisemore, Madera president of the Workers Alliance, and two others, Jesse McHenry and Ray Williams. They have been accused of vagrancy. The mass arrests were for violation of anti-picketing ordinances. A. L. Wirin of the Civil Liberties Union applied for writs of habeas corpus for the three men still held in jail. He charged that the mass arrests were likewise illegal acts, intended merely to "provide a chance to pick out the leaders and victimize them."

The strike centered today around Firebaugh and Kerman.

Smuts Demands U. S. Ships Trade With Belligerents

CAPETOWN, South Africa, Oct. 18 (UP).—Premier Jan C. Smuts told the South African Chamber of Industries today that he hopes the American Neutrality bill would be amended to permit American ships to continue trade with the British Dominions which have declared war against Germany.

"If American ships cannot carry goods to Australia, Canada and New Zealand, which, like South Africa, are belligerents, America will suffer as well," he said in a speech at Pretoria. "During the past week I have done my best to ram this home to the American government."

Snow Up-State

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Oct. 18.—This city in the lower Adirondacks has had its first snow fall.

Sharper Fight On Neutrality Seen in House

More Opposition There Expected to Lifting of Arms Sale Ban

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are unlikely to oppose its request for funds now.

On the other hand, they are even more anxious that the anti-lynching bill not come up at this time. For one thing it would tie up the whole neutrality issue in knots.

It would also open up the old hostility between the Tory Democrats of the South and the Democrats from the West and the North which the administration has been trying to smooth over of late.

Naturally this places the small group of liberals in the House which opposes the Dies Committee, favors the anti-lynching bill and fears the involvement of this country in war in an extremely strategic position.

MORE COMPLEX IN HOUSE

The major difference between the line-up in bot hhouses is that the type of "National Unity" advocated by the reactionary newspapers such as the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal appears thus far to have been effected to larger degree in the Senate.

Old-line Tory Democrats and New Deal Democrats in the Senate have agreed temporarily to bury the hatchet and stand together in favor of repeal. They have been joined by such important Republicans as Senators Robert Taft of Ohio and Warren Austin of Vermont.

In the House, on the other hand, the situation is far more complex right now. A sizeable group of New Dealers including Reps. Caroline O'day of New York, Frank Fries of Illinois, Knute Hill of Washington and Rudolph Tenerowicz of Michigan have opposed repeal in the past and they are likely to continue to do so.

This group may not be joined by some others who are disturbed by the mounting tide of war hysteria which is being generated around the repeal issue.

Another factor is the strong anti-war feeling in the Midwest and the distrust of Great Britain and France prevalent in that part of the country which will undoubtedly influence a large number of votes in the House.

Even the Southern Democrats in the House are not completely united around repeal as they are in the Senate. One of their most influential and reactionary leaders, Rep. E. E. Cox of Georgia, has indicated that he will support retention of the embargo.

In addition, the House Republicans still seem to present a comparatively solid front against repeal. They do not appear to have changed sides on this issue following the outbreak of the imperialist war as rapidly as many of the Republican Senators.

Kuhn to Appear Before the Dies Committee Today

Under fire in Congress for calling "phony Krivitzky" and sabotaging investigation of Nazi activities, Chairman Martin Dies of the House Committee on Un-American activities, ordered Fritz Kuhn, head of the Nazi Bund to testify today.

Peter L. F. Sabbatino, counsel for the Bund sought to get around the subpoena for Kuhn to appear before the House committee, on a claim that he is on $50,000 bail and forbidden to leave New York state. But Judge Cornelius Collins, when informed of the reason gave permission.

CALIF. COMMITTEE PROBES BEATINGS IN STATE PRISONS

Graft and Corruption Charges Also Up for Airing Before Committee Appointed by Olson; Hearing Is Balked

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18 (ICN).—Brutal floggings of prisoners by San Quentin guards is not the only scandalous condition being probed by the special legislative investigating committee, it was learned here Monday.

The committee, appointed by Governor Culbert L. Olson under authorization from the state legislature, is also investigating the question of food served the convicts, possible graft and corruption and general administration of San Quentin Prison.

The flat refusal of the board of prison directors to attend any formal ouster proceedings, and future investigations, came before the committee at a special closed meeting late Monday.

Meanwhile, John Gee Clark, state director of penology, prepared formal charges to be filed in writing after submission to the governor for his approval.

In an attempt to escape the consequences of the brutality and other charges, the prison directors resorted to the old "political football" charges, and even the charge that Olson doesn't "want us to hold a public hearing."

A. R. O'Brien, prison board chairman, also revealed another angle of his defense—red-baiting. He said that when Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hare was appointed a criminologist by Clark, he had directed San Quentin Warden Court Smith not to permit her to enter the prison "because we have a prison order barring ex-convicts from entering the prison property."

Mrs. O'Hare was imprisoned in 1917 for opposing American participation in the first imperialist world war, under the World War Espionage Act.

O'Brien's statement was immediately heralded by the Hearst press as proving that the charges of floggings, admitted in signed statements by nine prison guards were another "Communist plot."

Clark still awaited a ruling from Attorney General Earl Warren as to whether a legislative investigating committee named by the governor has power to hold hearings and oust the prison directors.

F.D.R. Sends Message to Oslo Group

Expresses Deep Interest of the Americas in the Proceedings

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Central Railroad station when King Christian X of Denmark and King Haakon VII of Norway arrived by special train and were greeted by Gustav.

Strong speculation continued that the four Nordic nations might take action, before tomorrow night, on possible mediation efforts to end the European war.

Newspapers indicated that the Nordic states might throw their weight into a move to "help build a bridge leading to central European peace" but said that the four nations have no intention of venturing out onto thin ice.

A feeling of the desirability of peace mediation seemed to be growing among the public, not only here but in the other Scandinavian countries, although there was no indication as to just what sort of proposals might be acceptable to Germany on the one hand and Britain and France on the other.

U. S., Japanese Forces Withdraw From Kulangsu

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (UP).—Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today that American and Japanese landing forces were withdrawing simultaneously from the International Settlement in Kulangsu, Island colony off the Port of Amoy, South of Shanghai.

Carl de G. MacVitty, American Consult at Amoy, telegraphed the State Department that the Japanese Consul-General and the chairman of the Kulangsu Municipal Council reached an amicable agreement under which the landing parties were to leave the settlement at 2 P. M. today.

Paul Sifton Also Resigns Pay-Hour Body

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. — Paul Sifton, deputy wage hour administrator has added his resignation to that of Elmer Andrews, administrator who is being replaced by Col. Phillip Fleming.

Sifton said that he was leaving his post "to facilitate the work of the new management in developing its program as rapidly as possible."

A successor to Sifton has not yet been named.

Clipper Plane Carries Record Mail to Europe

The Pan American Airways flying boat American Clipper took off from the air base at Port Washington, L. I., yesterday, for Lisbon, Portugal, via Bermuda and the Azores, with a total of 43 passengers at 1,684 pounds of mail, a record for eastbound transatlantic air mail.

Thirteen of the clipper's passengers were bound for Europe, the remaining 30 being scheduled to disembark at Hamilton, Bermuda.

Congress Studies Sub Attacks

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. — Germany's submarine attacks on British warships will be studied carefully by the House Naval Appropriations Subcommittee when its members consider the United States' navy building program.

Carpenters Clique Fines Foes of Kick-Backs

Workers Were Employed on Project Where They Found Boss Cutting in on Wages—Suits Pending More Than a Year

Following more than a year of effort by a number of members of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners to get their District Council to act against kickback practice by an employer, 13 of those members, the union membership learned, were fined amounts ranging from $25 to $200 each.

The locals were informed of this in the minutes of the last meeting of the District Council now being read before the membership of the union's New York locals.

Meanwhile, the suit against Jack Biggle, of the firm of Biggle and Feldman on charges of kickback practice growing out of the Roosevelt apartment project, which has dragged since September 1938, is still pending. It is expected to reach trial next month.

The 13 carpenters who were fined by a trial committee of the Carpenters' District Council, were among a group of workers on the Roosevelt project. They came before Daniel Quigly, vice-president of the District Council with evidence on the practice of workers "kicking back" part of their union wages to Biggle who was superintendent on the job. Upon Quigly's advice the workers who brought the information, submitted affidavits to the District Council substantiating the charges.

To their surprise, however, they were suddenly fired from the jobs on orders of the District Council, replaced by others and brought on charges of "working under the scale." Some of the victimized workers went to the Bronx district attorney's office. Biggle was questioned, but released. The suit now pending is against him, with Julius Berg, attorney for the workers.

But without waiting for the outcome of the trial, the District Council carried out its own trial, charging the 13 members with going to the district attorney and causing considerable embarassment to Business Agent Fred Johnson on the Roosevelt job; getting their wives to picket the District Council office and "working under the scale."

The charges were brought by Johnson.

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PWA-Built Water Supply Serves Fifth of Nation

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (UP).—Water supply systems constructed by the PWA during the past six years now serve approximately 25,000,000 people, Federal Works Administrator John M. Carmody announced today.

Total estimated construction cost of 2,691 projects was $380,795,162, he said.

Largest estimated cost of projects was $37,016,988 in Ohio. Second was California with $35,170,808.

Crippled Children Get New Muscles for Old

Surgeons Hear How Tissue Is Transplanted to Replace That Damaged by Paralysis; Cancer Study Is Pushed

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18 (UP).—A method of transplanting muscles so that a child threatened with a twisted leg from infantile paralysis may grow normally, was described today at the 29th Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. J. T. Nicholson of Philadelphia Children's Hospital explained how the muscles were "rerouted" by a recently-developed operation.

According to Dr. Nicholson, the human leg contains approximately 40 muscles, and poliomyelitis may attack and destroy a number of these. As result, the surgeon pointed out, other muscles become unbalanced in their growth and the limb is pulled out of shape.

The tendons are, in effect, transplanted. If the back muscles are left intact by the disease after the front of the leg and run in front of the kneecap, which thus counteracts some of the tendon pull from behind.

Dr. John Scudder of the department of surgical pathology, Presbyterian Hospital, New York, warned that blood preserved in "banks" deteriorated rapidly and likely would prove valueless and in some cases dangerous to patients requiring transfusions. When blood is stored more than five days the potassium content increases, and death has resulted from transfusions of blood that has been "banked" too long, he explained.

Meantime an intensive campaign was inaugurated by the College of Surgeons to determine the most effective treatments for cancer.

Dr. Frank E. Adair of the New York City Memorial Hospital, chairman of the college's committee on cancer, announced at the organization's 29th annual clinical congress that the program had been approved unanimously by the Board of Regents. The campaign carried an appeal to all surgeons to report immediately the total number of cancer cures of five years duration, the type of therapy used and the nature of the original malignancy.

5 Killed in Powder Plant Blast in Pa.

Explosion Rocks Whole Area in Vicinity of Eldred

ELDRED, Pa., Oct. 18 (UP).—Five men mixing 1,200 pounds of dynamite in the gelatin pack house of the National Powder Co. plant were blown to pieces today when the mixture exploded.

Cause of the explosion, which was heard 20 miles away, has not been determined.

Fifteen minutes before the explosion, Clarence Studley left the gelatin pack house and escape death.

Other structures at the plant were not damaged extensively, aside from blown-out windows.

With most of the force of the explosion going upward, the damage was not extensive in Eldred, two miles away. The detonation, however, was heard as far away as Bolivar, N. Y.

The plant employs about 60 but it was not announced how many were at work when the blast occurred.

One of those killed was Merl G. Eldridge, 21, of Portville, N. Y., who planned to be married Saturday to a Syracuse, N. Y., girl. Her name was not known here.

Identification of the bodies could not be made. The names of those who were working in the building at the time, however, were known. Those killed, in addition to Eldridge, were John Thomas Deviing, 23, of Eldred; Leo Leroy Davis, 28, of Portville; Clair Wise, 22, of Eldred, and Cyril Lewis, 43, of Emporium, Pa.

Auto Makers Ask Neutrality Of U. S. in War

Put Peace Plea on Basis of 'Good Business' and Humanitarianism

The Automobile Manufacturers Association by action of its directors yesterday declared itself unreservedly opposed to participation by the United States in the present European war. The resolution also stated the belief that the preservation of the country's freedom of speech, of religious belief and of opportunity is the most important task facing all American today.

The text of the resolution follows:

"The Automobile Manufacturers Association by action of its directors declares itself unreservedly opposed to participation by the United States in the present European war.

"Plain business sense, as well as the desire for peace which all civilized individuals hold, dictates that industry's concern should be with keeping this country out of the struggle in Europe. All the interests of the automobile industry are linked to peace. The processes by which it has grown are born of peace and can be carried forward only in peace.

"On the one occasion when our country interposed in a quarrel among the nations of Europe, the results were the death and disablement of hundreds of thousands of our fellow Americans, a staggering burden of debt, taxation and unemployment and economic depression from which our people have not, even yet, recovered.

"Entry of the United States into the present European war would inevitably bring to our people further devastating losses and endanger, if not destroy our democratic way of life, with its freedom of speed, of religious belief and of opportunity.

"We believe preservation of this freedom is the mos important task facing all Americans today."

Probe Film Favoritism

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 18. — The Screen Actors' Guild is investigating charges by movie extras that favoritism is shown in distribution of work assignments through the central casting bureau

Water Main Break Quickly Controlled

An eight-inch water main burst shortly after 5 A. M. yesterday at Franklin Avenue and Lincoln Place, Brooklyn.

An emergency crew shut off the water on the short block between Lincoln and St. Johns Place, but neither business nor traffic was affected.

After 23 Years Billings Is Again a Free Man

WARREN K. BILLINGS is shown leaving Folsom Prison in California Tuesday after Gov. Culbert Olson had commuted his sentence.

Billings Meets Bride-to-Be, Plans Wedding

Future Wife Is WPA Worker; Meets Him on First Day Out

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—Warren K. Billings awoke today in a room instead of a cell for the first time in twenty-three years, to face the exciting prospect of planning, at 45, a new life with the woman he expects to marry.

He met her last night for the first time outside of prison custody, after hurrying here from Sacramento as soon as Gov. Culbert L. Olson's order commuting life sentence to time served resulted in release from Folsom prison.

The bride-to-be is Miss Josephine Rudolph, 36, former librarian in San Mateo and at present a timekeeper on a WPA housekeeping project.

It was a strange and constrained meeting they had at the home of Billing's attorney, George T. Davis. Miss Rudolph appeared nervous and shy, declined to be interviewed and was persuaded with difficulty to pose with Billings and Davis for camera men. Billings grinned happily, but seemed nervous, too.

The attorney said Billings and Miss Rudolph would make no plan for the marriage or their future for a day or two.

Patient Is Suicide

Michael Frumicello, 63, of 1306 E. 37th St., Brooklyn, hanged himself in Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, yesterday. He was admitted Oct. 4, suffering from diabetes.

Mooney Goes to Hospital for More Treatment

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 18 (UP).—Tom Mooney was removed today from his hotel room to a hospital for treatment of a stomach ailment.

A lecture tour which he has made since he gained a pardon, was cancelled recently when he became seriously ill due to a recurrence of the stomach ailment. He was too ill to be removed immediately from his hotel room but slight improvement in his condition, although still serious, permitted him to be taken to Passavant Hospital today.

Wallace Sees Motor Fuel as Corn Product

PEORIA, Ill., Oct. 18 (UP).—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace today envisioned widespread commercial use of motor fuel from corn, plastics from wheat and newsprint from straw.

He was principal speaker at the ceremony officially inaugurating construction of the Northern Regional U. S. Research Laboratory, one of four being built by the Agriculture Department.

"These are really small commercial plants," Wallace said. "They will provide the much-needed bridge in the gap between test-tube, agriculture and commercial production."

"They permit actual tests of the commercial values of by-products of principal farm commodities for the first time."

Westinghouse Recognizes CIO Electric Union

UERMW Has Majority in Nine Big Plants of Company

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (UP).—The National Labor Relations Board today approved a stipulation between Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company and nine locals of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America (CIO) in which the company admitted the union's majority in nine plants.

In the stipulation, the company "admits the propriety" of the nine collective bargaining units, and both parties waive any right to a hearing.

The plants involved are East Springfield, Mass.; Philadelphia and South Philadelphia, Pa.; East Pittsburgh, Pa.; Baltimore, Md.; Chicago, and Emeryville, Calif. Also named as parties to the proceedings were the Bryant Electric Company, Bridgeport, Conn., and Westinghouse X-Ray Company, Inc., Long Island City, N. Y., two wholly-owned and controlled subsidiaries of Westinghouse.

Air Lines Break Mileage Records in September

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Domestic air lines flew 69,120,405 passenger miles in September, a greater number than in any previous month, Col. Edgar S. Gorrell, president of the Air Transport Association of America, reported today.

Manhattan Review

By Israel Amter

New York County Communist Candidate for City Council

What could a fighting City Council do?

Speaking in a symposium with certain members of the City Council, I have been told that all that the City Council can do is to discuss a question, pass resolutions and statutes.

Is this all that a City Councilman can do? Of course not. A real representative of the people, one who wants to fight in the interests of his constituents, knows today that nothing will be done in the interests of the people **unless the people are aroused to fight for it.** The representatives of monopoly and of big capital in the City Council don't want to lose any of their privileges. They want things to go along just as they are doing today. This means that the people can go hungry, workers have trouble in organizing, the cost of living can rise, civil liberties be violated for all they care.

But if a fighting councilman puts up a **militant** struggle in the City Council and at the **same time goes to the people and mobilizes them for action**—that is, when the people begin to speak and to act—then Wall Street can be put on the run.

If this would be done, then the people of New York and any other city would receive much **more** than they are today.

The N. Y. City Administration is progressive. The City Council is controlled by the reactionaries. There is a group of progressives in the Council who have introduced progressive measures. Practically all of them have been side-tracked or killed. This need not have been the case if these progressives had gone to the people in these two years of their incumbency. But they have not the fighting qualities that are necessary even though at heart they are progressives.

If therefore the City Council is **really** to express the needs and desires of the people, **Communists** must be seated in the City Council this fall. This means putting the number ONE beside the name of the Communist candidate in your county, namely, Amter in Manhattan, Cacchione in Brooklyn, Begun in the Bronx, and Crosbie in Queens.

It Happens In Queens

By Paul Crosbie

Queens County Communist Candidate for City Council

Every morning any elevated train takes me past the Queensbridge Housing Project which is nearing completion and is already partially filled. It is a project that makes me proud and when I look at this splendid group of buildings radiating around a community center and nursery school I like to think of how well we could plan and design not only our buildings, but our lives if we were freed from the fetters of capitalism. I also think, when I look at these buildings of the pride which thousands of workers must have when they see the splendid things that they have made for us to use. Those who built Queensbridge Houses were of every nationality. From the train I could distinguish Negroes and whites, but on the street as I saw them coming from work I could see among the whites, Italians, Poles, Czechs, men from every corner of the globe. Each of these, for all his days, can pass Queensbridge Houses and feel "I helped the people of Queens to build those fine homes."

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In my mail I receive a lot of queer letters—always anonymous. Today I got a bundle of about 200 clippings from the "kept" press. To try to fit them into a pattern I look all them over. They were about equality from the Times, Herald-Tribune and Sun, with a smaller number from the Post, News and the Hearst papers. In subject matter they covered "testimony" before the Dies Committee, attacks on Eleanor Roosevelt, Michael Quill, the CIO and the labor movement as a whole. Someone intending to frighten one had gone to a lot of trouble to let me know how active the forces of reaction are. These 200 clipings all came from four days of news. In the same mail and addressed in the same hand I received a copy of the KKK. I can't get away from the feeling that this attention comes from the camp of George U. Harvey.

Improve Security Laws, Aid Jobless, LaGuardia Urges

Speaks at Rochester at Social Service Parley; Warns Against Expecting War Boom to Aid Nation's Unemployed

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ROCHESTER, Oct. 18.—Mayor LaGuardia of New York City last night called for adequate social security, ratification of the child labor amendment, proper distribution of work and uniform and effective unemployment insurance with increased aid to the aged as a proper plan to meet the unemployment situation.

He addressed 2,000 delegates to the State Conference on Social Work before leaving for Pittsburgh.

The Mayor warned against expecting "the line of relief cases to decline with the line of improved business."

To fight unemployment, he said, there must be a "fundamental change in the industrial system."

He told the delegates it was not their task to solve the employment problem but to aid the unemployed.

WPA Pickets Get Sentences Up to 20 Days

24 Members of Writers Local of Alliance Go to Workhouse

Sentences as high as 20 days in the workhouse were yesterday handed down for 24 members of the writers and theatre locals of the Workers Alliance who were convicted on charges of disorderly conduct growing out of their joint protest action on October 9 at the writers project of WPA at 110 King St.

They appeared before Magistrate Harry G. Andrews at Jefferson Market Court.

Dave Silver, grievance chairman of the Federal Arts local of the Workers Alliance, and most active in the fight of the dismissed workers, was singled out for the top sentence of 20 days.

Frank Paine, Lee Allen and Fred Johnson, who were also among the most active, were sentenced to ten days in the workhouse. All the rest, among them eight women of the dancers local of the Workers Alliance, were given 10-day suspended sentences.

Col. Brehon B. Somervell, New York WPA administrator and other high officials of WPA did not appear on subpoenas issued for them, but Maj. Henry Batley, a labor relations officer of WPA, appeared for the administration.

Magistrate Andrews said in handing out the sentences that he was basing his conviction on disorderly conduct only on what transpired at 110 King St. on Oct. 9 when police dragged out the protesting workers from an office room. He refused to take into consideration the fact that the workers had resorted to all possible regular channels in WPA but failed to get any action on their evidence of discrimination in the dismissals.

The dancers had joined the protest to call attention to the sudden cancellation by WPA of jobs to which they were scheduled to be transferred in place of those liquidated with discontinuance of the project.

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IF you are looking for an economical and deliciously appetizing suggestion for Sunday's dinner, how about recommending a savory roast duck?

Ever since the opening of the Long Island season on April 1st, fresh killed ducks have been an outstanding buy on the meat market.

The Long Island duck raisers, because of an agreement among themselves, will finish shipping at the end of the next month and for our winter supply we will have to depend on the surplus summer ducks which were quick-frozen and held in storage.

Of course, there will be some fresh killed ducks available but the amount will be comparatively small.

The commercial duck farms on Long Island are world-famous. Conditions are ideal for mass production and from five to six million ducklings are raised on the farms which are generally known as duck ranches.

CHINESE ANCESTRY

The original ancestors of the Long Island duckling, comes from the Imperial preserves at Peking, China. The industry was found in the latter part of the 19th Century, when it was determined that the location of Long Island itself, with its deep inlets of smooth water, its sandy soil, and its climate, was peculiarly fitted to accomplish wonders in fast growing.

The duckling is ready for your table ten weeks after it leaves the egg and because of scientific feeding, which includes milk, it generally weighs from five to six pounds when it reaches the ripe old age of ten weeks.

In the opinion of many experts, no duck or duckling has yet been produced with a flavor which surpasses that of those raised on Long Island. The fact that these young ducks are shipped to the far corners of the earth, speaks well for their quality.

They are shipped frozen when consigned to any great distance, and as the quick-freezing process is developed to a high state of perfection, all their flavor is preserved.

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They are graded, packed attractively, and mostly marketed through the growers own organization, known as the Farmers' Commission House.

Even the ducks feathers constitute big business. They alone have brought the ranchers more than half a million dollars in a single year.

Girls with high foreheads and small faces should take a tip from Merle Oberon and wear their hair away from the face.

If you intend serving duck, you will want to know how to judge quality. Like all water-birds, they have a protective coating of fat beneath the skin. An over-fat bird is not economical, so choose one with a layer of fat, just thick enough to produce a beautifully browned roast. See that the flesh is firm and the fat is yellow in color.

The feet and bill should be yellow and the breast broad, with a pliable breast-bone. As ducks age their windpipe becomes hard and their necks longer. The windpipe of a young duck yields when gently pressed with the finger.

The duck is cooked as you would a chicken. But is at its best when roast or braised. Apple sauce or pan-fried apples are traditional accompaniments. Currant jelly, cranberry sauce, or other tart jellies go well with roast duckling. Green peas and young turnips are also good suggestions.

WHEN YOU BUY A VACUUM CLEANER

MOST vacuum cleaners using both suction and a motor-driven brush or agitator will remove more dirt from a rug in a given time than a cleaner using suction alone.

That's the conclusion of scientists in the Washington Agricultural Experiment Station after an exhaustive study.

The Washington Station decided to find out the difference between the two types of cleaners scientifically, and used nine different cleaners on Axminster, Wilton, and velvet rugs.

On a whole, price should not be accepted as an indication of the efficiency and durability of a machine. While some of the more expensive machines were found to remove the most dirt in a given time, less expensive machines may remove the same amount of dirt it run for a longer period of time.

Little difference was found among the nine cleaners in the amount of nap they took from the rugs. In any case, wear on the rugs was found to be almost negligible with all the cleaners.

Finally, no matter what your choice, advise these experts be sure the inside of the bag is kept clean.

Harlem Center For Kids

The Utopia Children's House at 170 West 130th St. is carrying on a wonderful project for the children of the lowest income groups in Harlem. Mothers who are forced to work and leave their children at home all day can bring their little ones from the ages of three to twelve to the nursery for the day. Lunch costs ten cents a day. The playschool opens at 7 A. M. and closes at 7 P. M.

Save for the time the youngsters are at school, they are in the care of the Center, which is at present staffed by WPA workers. All children are examined daily and a dental clinc, conducted by the Board of Health, is located in the same building. Various recreation facilities are at the disposal of the children. Mrs. Corliss Lamont, Mrs. Dorothy Paige, Justice James S. Watson and Mrs. James S. Watson are members of the Board of Directors. Mrs. Daisy C. Reed is director.

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The Aged Cannot Eat War Propaganda

• If only those war-inciting headlines would paralyze the attention of the people and make them forget about the daily struggle for bread—that is what Wall Street would like to see.

Frank Kent, writing in yesterday's Wall Street Journal, weeps over the fact that there is at least one group in this country whose activities are "not being slowed down" by the war situation. They are the supporters of the various old-age pension movements.

For the elderly people of the country who have been tossed on the scrap heap after decades of toil, know that war hysteria neither clothes nor feeds them nor provides a roof over their heads. Despite all the efforts of the capitalists to dampen the struggle for social security under pleas of "national unity" and "war emergency," the fight for old-age pensions is on the upgrade.

The people will have a chance to vote next month on two state pension plans, "Ham and Eggs" and the Bigelow Amendment, in California and Ohio, respectively. As Kent declares fearfully in the Wall Street Journal, even a big losing vote for these two state plans would greatly accelerate the national pension movement.

Furthermore, the entire pension movement was greatly aided when the CIO, at its recent convention, renewed its determination to help unite all pension supporters behind the 60-60 plan. This calls for a pension of $60 per month for all who reach the age of 60 years.

The cold contempt which the capitalist class feels for the aged, is personified in Westbrook Pegler, who yesterday dared to write insultingly in the World-Telegram of old-age pensions as a reward for the "achievement of living 60 years."

In the eyes of Pegler and his masters, those who have spent most of their lives being robbed and exploited in factories and sweat-shops deserve only starvation as their "reward." The old-age pension movement is the fitting answer to this callousness and greed of Wall Street.

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Judicial Despotism

• When a court hands down a reactionary decision, that is bad enough. But when the same court declares it to be a crime to criticize that decision, we have the last word in despotism.

This is what has happened in California. When Harry Bridges, California CIO director, charged that a decision by a Los Angeles lower court last January was "outrageous," he was fined for contempt of court. Now the California State Supreme Court has placed its blessings upon the high-handed action of the lower court. A dissenting opinion by Justice Edmonds, however, is a forceful indictment of the action of his colleagues:

"These provisions [of free speech and free press] are binding on the courts and no claims of judicial necessity can outweigh them. When free speech is lettered, liberty is a meaningless word. The rights of freedom of speech and of the press have their roots deep in the soil of this nation's organic law. None but a despotic government would attempt to restrain it."

If the decision of the majority of the California Supreme Court is permitted to stand, then reactionary judges reign supreme. Freedom would indeed be dead if injustice could not be criticized.

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Not a Cent for Dies

• Rep. Dies has cooked up a new one for giving his un-American and irresponsible committee a new lease on life.

He claims now that because of the "international situation," his lie factory ought to get more funds from Congress, and ought to have its life extended to Jan. 3, 1941. (May the American people be saved from any extension of this plague!)

It is because of the Dies' role on the international situation, that he and his stable of impostors ought to be demobilized and scattered to the political ashpile. His brazen pro-Chamberlain propaganda is for no other reason than to drag America into the imperialist slaughter. His violent red-baiting is to scrap the Bill of Rights, and to shut down on the people's expressions for peace and to keep this country out of the imperialist war.

In order to achieve his subversive aims, he has dug up a whole list of perjuring ex-"Communists"—the Goffs, Pitcoffs, Malkins, and what not—who sanctimoniously beat their breasts with "confessions." As Earl Browder pointed out, Dies is using the American principle of "mass production" to "parade dozens of Van der Lubbes across the witness stand to 'confess' to hundreds of 'Reichstag fires.'"

There is no clearer example of the type of Van der Lubbe Dies uses than the notorious "general" Krivitsky, who was scathingly exposed by Rep. Samuel Dickstein before the committee Tuesday. Said Rep. Dickstein:

Krivitsky is "nothing but a phony. He is here to sell his wares. He prepared articles for certain publications and a libel suit may grow out of this. . . . The committee is letting itself be used by a magazine so that it could avoid a libel suit" (apparently referring to Krivitsky's malicious slanders in the Saturday Evening Post).

But Dies continues trying to insult the commmon sense of the American people by producing more and more "general" Krivitskys.

We agree: something needs to be done to protect civil liberties in view of the "international situation" and the resulting Tory war hysteria at home. Let the Senate appropriate funds for the LaFollette Committee on Civil Liberties, which has done good work and which the Tories are now trying to kill. More than ever the LaFollette Committee is needed in behalf of the Bill of Rights—and to protect civil liberties from the Dies Committee.

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Profits for Ship Owners

• The original neutrality resolution which the repeal-the-embargo forces in Congress introduced has become unrecognizable.

It has been mangled by the big shipping interests who want war profits and who don't give a tinker's damn if this draws the United States close to the abyss of war.

It is a danger signal that the Senate sponsors of the neutrality resolution, headed by Senator Pittman, should have agreed that American vessels will be permitted to carry vital war supplies to all of Britain's colonies and possessions. The new change which the Pittman forces have agreed on, according to the New York Times, will permit American war commerce on all the seven seas with the small exception of the North Atlantic.

With such an arrangement, it would not be long before the United States would be facing immediate involvement in the war. The country is seriously menaced by such a plan. But the Wall Street shipping interests stand to reap huge profits at the expense of America's safety and peace.

How does it happen, though, that the original strict cash-and-carry which was to have prohibited all American trade with belligerents and their possessions has been left so far behind? That is a question on which the American people would like some real enlightenment.

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Not a Spokesman For the Bronx People

• It isn't surprising when the powerful realty interests oppose public low-rent housing.

But it has taken Mr. Henry Waltemade, president of the Real Estate Board of the Bronx to combine his opposition with the most ridiculous and insolent ignorance. He has just written to the U. S. Housing Authority asking them to "withhold" funds from the City Housing Authority for slum clearance and low-rent housing in the Bronx, because "such slums are non-existent."

Just a few typical figures on the Bronx. There are 2,240 old law tenements more than 40 years old; 6,700 apartments are without steam heat; 2,400 without hot water; and 1,300 without private toilets. This applies to the First A. D. alone in the Bronx.

Doubtless this wretched state of affairs doesn't bother Mr. Waltemade, who probably lives comfortably in an elevator apartment, with all the latest modern conveniences. And the blood-high rents from the Bronx slums makes the fat opulence of the Bronx landlords and realty board members possible. Low-rent housing helps the slum-dwellers and also helps to check rising rents. Naturally, Mr. Waltemade doesn't want them. If there's anything in the Bronx people don't need, its Mr. Waltemade's Real Estate Board.

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The Right-to-Vote Movement

• The lynch reactionaries in the South have become very much disturbed by the growing movement to abolish that relic of feudalism known as the poll tax.

So the Tory Garner-Quin machine in San Antonio, Tex., has secured the indictment of Mayor Maury Maverick on charges of violating the poll tax laws. He is alleged to have paid the tax of some voters, in violation of the Texas law forbidding one to pay another's poll tax.

The cohorts of that "evil" man Garner have tried other ways of "getting" Maverick. First they tried an unscrupulous red-baiting campaign, until that developed pretty much into a dud. They revile him because as Congressman he voted for the anti-lynching bill, thus expressing the developing sentiment among Southern labor and progressives for the constitutional rights of the Negro.

Now, at Maverick's expense, these haters of democracy are trying to prove that the poll tax is a good thing, in order to check the progressive movement against it. Actually the poll tax is one of the most besetting sins of capitalist government. It robs Negro Americans of the ballot, and disfranchises millions of white workers and sharecroppers who are too poor to pay to vote. By keeping the people from voting, the corrupt lynch governments in the South perpetuate themselves in power.

The case against Mayor Maverick shows how vital it is for democracy that the poll tax be wiped out and the right-to-vote movement in the South be given every support.

THE GUARDIAN *by Ellis*

An Editorial

THE FORCES FOR PEACE --- IN 1914 AND TODAY

• Contrast the scope of peace sentiments and demands at the present stage of this second imperialist war and in the last world slaughter.

Just past seven weeks old, the dominant feature of the present war is the overwhelming desire of the peoples for peace. It took more than three years of wholesale bloodshed and horror to the peoples in the warring nations in the last war to bring about anywhere near the peace sentiments that we see already.

The American capitalist press here readily admits the almost unanimous wish for peace on the part of the German peoples. The German people, undoubtedly, wish peace. But the same desire has gripped the British and French peoples, and certainly the American. The London and Paris war propaganda departments would like the American people to think that only the German people want a cessation of this war.

However, despite the war frenzy of the official press in Great Britain and France the overwhelming wish of the British and French peoples for peace can not be lied away.

Yesterday's exclusive cable to the Daily Worker uncovered the deep peace sentiments that exist in the British labor movement, regardless of the Labor Party officialdom's support of British Imperialism's part in this war. Daladier had to devote a great portion of his last speech to a polemic against the deep-rooted peace sentiments of the French people.

In the early days of the first World War only a few brave voices risked the wrath of the imperialists and their Social Democratic lackeys to cry out against the wholesale slaughter.

This time, the imperialist warmongers, despite the full and ranting support of the Social Democratic betrayers of labor, are unable to whip up the hysteria they had in the last slaughter.

Instead of isolated groups, this time vast masses, important trade unions in France and Great Britain, and outstanding leaders of various sections of the people, openly conduct a struggle for peace.

Moreover, the cry for peace is growing with elemental force.

Why do we witness so significant a contrast of peace movements in this war as compared to the first imperialist conflict?

The answer includes a number of factors.

First, the existence of the Soviet Union, its great gains for socialism, and its mighty peace policy, have strengthened tremendously the movement and possibility of peace.

Second, Communist Parties exist in all the nations at war, and in most neutral nations, exposing and defeating the Social Democratic betrayals, and guiding the masses along the correct road for peace and and resistance to the imperialist warmakers.

Third, the masses have experienced years of capitalist crisis, and have gained strength and understanding in the struggle against their exploiters and oppressors.

Fourth, in the fight against fascism and its Anglo-French supporters and encouragers, the masses have learned to resist the conspiracies and plots of their oppressors.

Fifth, the peoples of the world have not forgotten what they learned from the first imperialist war. This knowledge is standing them in good stead in struggling against the present imperialist slaughter.

As the war proceeds, the peoples learn more and more of the aims of the warmakers and how to resist them.

In the United States, which has not been immediately involved in this imperialist slaughter, the people are fighting to keep this country out, and to help stop the imperialist war. Although there are forces reaching from Wall Street to the Social Democrats who would like to drag this country into the slaughter, the people do not want war, and can be organized to reject every move and attempt to drag them in.

By realizing the great potency of the world peace movement, and the determination of the American people to stay out, we can—all who wish peace and a struggle against the warmakers—defeat the concerted attempts to use the United States, and its entry into this war, as a means of continuing the imperialist slaughter.

The Imperialist Line-up in 1914

"The triple Entente, an alliance of Great Britain, France and Russia, was formed in 1907. Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy formed another imperialist alliance. But on the outbreak of the war of 1914 Italy left this alliance and later joined the Entente. Germany and Austria-Hungary were supported by Bulgaria and Turkey.

"Germany prepared for the imperialist war with the design of taking away colonies from Great Britain and France, and the Ukraine, Poland and the Baltic provinces from Russia. By building the Baghdad railway, Germany created a menace to Britain's domination in the Near East. Great Britain feared the growth of Germany's naval armaments.

"Tsarist Russia strove for the partition of Turkey and dreamed of seizing Constantinople and the straits leading from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean (the Dardanelles). The plans of the Tsarist government also included the seizure of Galicia, a part of Austria-Hungary.

"Great Britain strove by means of war to smash its dangerous competitor—Germany—whose goods before the war were steadily driving British goods out of the world markets. In addition, Great Britain intended to seize Mesopotamia and Palestine from Turkey and to secure a firm foothold in Egypt.

"The French capitalists strove to take away from Germany the Saar Basin and Alsace-Lorraine, two rich coal and iron regions, the latter of which Germany had seized from France in the war of 1870-71.

"Thus the imperialist war was brought about by profound antagonisms between two groups of capitalist states.

"This rapacious war for the redivision of the world affected the interests of all imperialist countries, with the result that Japan, the United States and a number of other countries were subsequently drawn into it.

"The war became a world war."

History of C. P. S. U. (B), p. 161.

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

The 350,000,000 People Of India Demand Freedom From Imperialist Warmakers

• The British Empire's difficulties are India's opportunity.

Nowhere are British imperialism's sham "war aims" exposed so glaringly as in India, where 350,000,000 peoples are exploited, oppressed and maltreated by the British overlords.

The application of the so-called British "war aims," like charity, should begin at home.

However, when it comes to India, the vague "slogans" of the Chamberlain and Daladier warmakers become vaguer than a whisp of smoke in a typhoon.

Whereas in London, the British government tries to pass off as "war aims" all sorts of meaningless phrases about tyranny, when it comes to replying to the demands of the Indian people, the British dictators in India completely refuse to state any war aims at all.

When Lord Linlithgow, British Viceroy of India, was asked by the Indian Congress to detail British imperialism's objectives in this war, the New York Times reported the tenor of the Viceroy's reply as follows:

"In respect to the Congress demand for a declaration of British war aims, the Viceroy said that the experience of history showed the unwisdom and the impracticability of precise definition at so early a stage."

Perhaps the most obvious fraud of Lord Linlithgow's answer to the 350,000,000 Indian people asking their freedom was his statement about the "natural destiny of India," being "Dominion status within the Empire."

Then he added a big but—

But, he said, that the British government would wait until "after the war until it discussed so embarrassing a matter as the change of India's status within the British Empire. After all, $5,000,000,000 yearly income is involved, a sum annually wrung out of the hides of the bestially impoverished Indian people.

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Talk about your "national unity." In India, the British slaveholders are doing everything possible to split the nation so it will not be unified in its struggle for liberation during this imperialist war. Moslem is being incited against Hindu. Gandhi followers are being instigated against the Left in the Indian National Congress; native states against the provinces, and so on. If ever the British rulers followed their divide-and-rule policy in India, they are doing it now.

In a brief and distorted way, the American capitalist press has discussed a few of the issues of Indian freedom at this time. But all of the demands of the Indian nation have not been reported in the daily press of this country.

Recently a War Sub-Committee was appointed by the Indian Congress to present India's demands to the British Empire at war. This committee consisted of Pandit Nehru and Babu Prasad.

In the name of the Congress here is what they demanded of the British Empire:

(1) That India's resources be not used by the imperialists for this war;

(2) India insists on its freedom;

(3) If Britain is fighting for "democracy" then let her show it by granting first of all democracy to India's oppressed 350,000,000;

(4) For Indian self-determination;

(5) A constituent assembly, with India's future policy on all questions determined entirely by the Indian people;

(6) That the British imperialists publish their war aims.

Moreover, the Congress Working Committee (equivalent to an Executive Committee or Council) declared:

"If the present war is for defending the status quo, imperialist possessions, colonies and vested interests, then India can have nothing to do with it. . . . India is the crux of the problem as she is the outstanding example of modern imperialism. No refashioning of the world can succeed without the solution of the Indian problem.

"India does not desire . . . the victory of one people over another, but a real democracy for all peoples and a world freed from violence and imperialist oppression.

"The Working Committee appeals to all Indian people to unite and to shed all internal conflicts and controversies, and to keep in readiness and hold together as a united nation determined to achieve the freedom of India within the larger freedom of the world."

Lord Linlithgow's hypocritical reply to the demands of India have caused bitter disappointment in all national circles of India. But the rejection of India's honest aspirations have instilled the people with a firmer determination to seize the present opportunities to extend the battle for liberation.

No doubt, the British colonial masters are shivering in their boots. Despite their trickery and cunning, they fear the upsurge of India's hundreds of millions. The British navy, so to speak, has its hands full. The Indian people are beginning to understand who are their allies and which country is resisting most effectively the designs of all oppressors.

Learning from the past treacheries of the British Empire rulers, the Indian people can be counted on this time to make the most of their opportunities.

Letters From Readers

'Red' Scares and Academic Freedom

Boston, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I was glad to see your immediate correction in the Daily Worker of Oct. 13 of your editorial appearing the previous day entitled, "Pamphlet-Burning at Harvard." The whole red scare raised in the press and by Edwin C. Hill on the air was based upon gross misrepresentation and downright falsehood.

Our Daily Worker has skilfully exposed the distortions and lies of the bourgeois press and has labored to give its readers a true presentation of the facts throughout the present crisis. It is regrettable that in this instance it should have fallen prey to this falsehood dished out by the New York Times as the "News That's Fit to Print."

This "respectable" mouthpiece of British Imperialism, in its indecent haste to create a war hysteria by smearing the Communists, did not hesitate to defame the reputation of Harvard University.

I feel that Harvard University should be commended for its present attitude toward academic freedom, especially at a time when American civil liberties are besieged by such seemingly diverse characters and institutions as the vulgar Mr. Dies and the "respectable" New York Times.

Fraternally yours,
PATRICK O'DEA,
State Secretary Massachusetts Y. C. L.

'Expert' Is Challenged On Negro Music

The following is a copy of a letter which Mr. Lawrence Gellert, known for his pioneering work in gathering Negro spirituals and work-songs of the South, has sent to the New York Times.—Editor's Note.

Editor,
New York Times
Dear Sir:

In the issue of the New York Times, September 14th last, I found reported the proceedings of the International Congress of the Musicological Society of Beethoven Hall .Under the caption "Negro Tunes Held Not From Africa," you quoted Professor Hertzog of Columbia University as declaring, "Spirituals are mere versions of white man's music." And further that "There's little basis in fact for the belief that traces of African music survive in the songs of the Negroes in the United States."

Back in the days of the Old Slave Oligarchy, it seems a white gentleman and his body servant went a-hunting together for deer. Towards evening, in the dim light, the Negro espied a fine buck and nudged his Master to shoot it. The white man, however, had bad eyesight and it looked to him like a milking cow, and held his fire. The excited Negro grabbed the rifle from his Master's hand and let go at the animal. Then he ran to the clump, the white man at his heels yelling "You dirty so and so, you killed a cow. I'll hide you good. . . ." Then he saw the dying buck. "Well, well," said the Master, that sure was a good shot WE made." When the antlers were finally mounted in the Big House living room, the Master proudly showed the guests the marvelous specimen of horns. By then however it was the deer "I" shot.

Similarly with Negro music. Up to the time of the Civil War, the only record we have of their songs is "crude, wild, primitive snatches," unworthy of anyone's notice. When the Spirituals finally reached the ears of the world, acclaimed, applauded and recognized as the outstanding contribution to genuine folk art in America, the Southern Master stepped forward to take the bows. His spiritual heirs have heard and retold it so often I have no doubt they believe it themselves.

Only a few years back Guy B. Johnson, a Southern professor, published a whole volume on the subject. It was a learned thesis—buttressed with scholastic twaddle, "proving the white man's claim to the Negro songs beyond all shadow of a doubt.

I'm certain Professor Hertzog has no special axe to grind. He is known as a "liberal-minded" intellectual. And his purposes never go beyond the end of serving American culture. Would that he'd recognize that culture is never divorced from human beings. That one doesn't hunt folk songs with a spear. That chloroform and an alcohol jar are not the tools of a folk-lorist. That the folk song, unlike butterflies and other insects is studied best, not on a dissecting table, but in the field, along with the people themselves. I recommend for his purely objective discernment if it is not too late to change his opinion, a visit to the South. . . .

If Professor Hertzog is unable to leave the city at this time, I'll be glad to let him hear some of the recordings I've made of Negro songs. The white music (sung in Southern churches) I didn't record. I'm very sorry to say it had nothing to recommend it. And it had no more resemblance to the former than Herr Goebbels has to Paul Robeson.

Very truly yours,
Lawrence Gellert.

Pete Cacchione on WNEW Tonight at 10 o'clock

Peter V. Cacchione, Communist Candidate for City Council from Brooklyn, will speak tonight over Station WNEW, 1250 Kc., from 10 to 10:15 P. M. on "The Elections of 1939 and the Struggle to Keep America Out of the Imperialist War."

MORNING

8:25-WNYC—Consumers Guide
8:30-WHN—U. P. News
WOR—World's Fair Reporter
8:45-WNYC—News; Around New York
WMCA—News
WABC—Woman's Page of the Air
9:00-WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WEAF—Condensed News
WJZ—A. P. News
WHOM—Polish Hour
WQXR—Composers' Hour
9:05-WEAF—News About Women
WJZ—Woman of Tomorrow
9:15-WABC—American School of the Air, Literature
9:30-WJZ—Breakfast Club
9:45-WHN—U. P. News
10:00-WNYC—Federation of Women's Clubs
WMCA—News
10:15-WNYC—Board of Education Program, Italian
10:45-WQXR—"Monitor Views the News"
11:00-WNYC—News; Latest Food Prices
WABC—News
WQXR—Hour of Request Music
11:15-WNYC—Board of Education Program, History
11:30-WOR—"Keep Fit to Music"
11:45-WNYC—"You and Your Health"
WOR—Medical Program

AFTERNOON

12:00-WHN—U. P. News
WNYC—Organ Recital from Temple of Religion at the Fair
12:15-WNEW—David Lowe, News of Stage and Screen
WMCA—News
12:25-WJZ—U. P. News
12:30-WOR—Trans-Radio News
WNYC—Midday Symphony
WHN—"Microphone in the Sky," Interviews from Atop the Empire State Building
WJZ—National Farm-Home Hour
12:45-WEAF—Condensed Music
WOR—Consumers' Quiz Club
1:15-WMCA—Talk by James J. Johnstone, Warden of Alcatraz Prison
1:30-WNYC—The Voice of Organized Medicine
1:45-WNYC—Board of Education Program, Science
WMCA—News
2:00-WJZ—"Ideas That Came True'
WNYC—News
WCNW—Daily Sports Predictions
2:05-WNYC—Opera Hour
2:15-WEVD—American Citizenship Court, WPA Program
WHN—U. P. News
WCNW—1500—Swing Club
2:20-WJZ—Dr. Jazz
2:45-WMCA-WABC—News
3:00-WMCA—World's Fairest Music
WJZ—"Orphans of Divorce"
WNYC—Museum Tours
3:15-WJZ—"Growing Pains"
3:30-WOV—1130 Kc.—"Little Red School House," WPA Program
WABC—News
3:30-WNYC—United States Government Reports, National Emergency Council Program
3:45-WNYC—News
4:00-WOR—Trans-Radio News
WJZ—Smile Parade
WNYC—Four Strings at 4:00
WQXR—Music of the Moment
4:30-WQXR—Hour of Symphonic Music
WEAF—"Vic and Sade"
5:00-WNYC—"NYA Varieties"
WMCA—News WJZ—Dance Music
5:15-WCNW—Charlie Brickley's Football School
5:30-WQXR—Variety Hour
WNYC—"Let's Write Music," Conducted by Dr. Sigmund Spaeth Tune Detective
5:45-WHN—U. P. News
WCNW—"Talking Over the News"

EVENING

6:00-WEAF—June Hind's Guestbook
WOR—Uncle Don
WNYC—Chronological News Summary of the Day
WJZ—U. P. News
WQXR—Music to Remember
6:05-WNYC—Hometown Newspapers
WJZ—Music
6:15-WEAF—A. P. News
WNYC—World's Fair Reporter
WABC—Sport Chat
6:20-WEAF—John Lardner's Sport Talk
6:30-WOR—Trans-Radio News
WEAF—Dance Music
WABC—News
WQXR—Music of Beethoven
6:45-WEAF—Salon Silhouettes
WABC—Today in Europe
WHN—Dick Fishell, Sports Resume
7:00-WQXR—Music of Hungary
WEAF—Pleasuretime with Fred Waring's Orchestra
WOR—Stan Lomax, Sports Review
WJZ—Easy Aces
7:15-WMCA—"Five-Star Final"
WEAF—"I Love a Mystery"
WJZ—"Mr. Keene, Tracer of Lost Persons"
7:30-WEAF—All-Star Review
WOR—Charioteers, Male Quartet
WJZ—"One of the Finest"
WABC—Vox Pop
WHN—George Hamilton Combs, News Commentator
WQXR—Treasury of Music
7:45-WMCA—Johannes Steel, News Commentator
WOR—The Inside of Sport, Sam Balter
8:00-WQXR—Symphony Hall
WOR—Rebroadcast of Kay Kyser's Musical College
WEAF—"One Man's Family"
WJZ—"The Strange Years"
WABC—"Ask It Basket"
WHN—Dance Music
WEVD—Bryce Oliver, News Commentator
8:30-WJZ—Joe Penner
WEAF—"Those We Love"
WABC—"Strange as It Seems"
WEVD—"It Happened to Me"
9:00-WQXR—Beethoven Sonata Recital, Eddie Brown, Violinist, and Clarence Adler, Pianist
WEAF—"Good News of 1940," Walter Huston, Roland Young, Fanny Brice, Hanley Stafford and Guest
WOR—"Confidentially Yours"
WJZ—Musical Comedy Hits
WEVD—Discussion on the Cooperative Movement in New York City
WABC—Major Bowes Amateur Hour
9:15-WHN—Concert Hall
9:30-WJZ—"America's Town Meeting of the Air," John Gunther and Anna O'Hare McCormick Discuss the European Situation
WOR—Symphonietta, Conducted by Cesare Sodero
WEVD—Confederated Spanish Societies
10:00-WEAF—Walter Connolly and Kirsten Flagstad, Guests of Bing Crosby's Music Hall Program
WNEW—1250 Kc.—Peter V. Cacchione, Communist Candidate for City Council from Brooklyn, Speaks Tonight from 10 to 10:15 on "The Elections of 1939 and the Struggle to Keep America Out of the Imperialist War"
WOR—Raymond Gram Swing, News Commentator
WABC—Columbia Workshop Presents "William Ireland's Confession," By Arthur Miller and Directed by Brewster Morgan
WQXR—Music and the Ballet
WMCA—Dance Music
WHN—Smmethflowing Rhythms
10:15-WOR—Fulton Lewis, News from Washington
10:30-WMCA—News
WOR—"We Want a Touchdown"
WJZ—Salon Orchestra
WABC—"Americans at Work"
10:45-WHN—U. P. News
10:45-WHN—U. P. News
11:00-WEAF—A. P. News
WOR—Trans-Atlantic News
WJZ—U. P. News
WQXR—Just Music
11:30-WABC—Benny Goodman's Band
WMCA—Better Music
11:45-WHN—U. P. News
12:00-WHN—Music to Read By
WEVD—Symphonic Hour

ERIC MUNX.

In New Yiddish Film at Cameo

Ruth Elbaum, currently appearing in "Pins and Needles" and Berta Gersten, leading dramatic actress, as they appear in "Mirele Efros," opening today at the Cameo.

---And They Call It 'Economy'

Attacks by Tories Threaten to Wreck Public Education

New York City can boast of the largest school system in the world. No less than a million and a quarter children are accommodated in a thousand school buildings that cost more than a half billion dollars. To maintain this system, the city received financial assistance from the state government. The last session of the state legislature, Republican-controlled, cut $10,000,000 out of the appropriation for state aid for education New York City's burden of this reduction amounts to $5,300,000.

The result of this cut, James Marshall, President of the New York City Board of Education, indicated, would mean wrecking the school system. The Board announced that it could absorb the cut in state aid, together with a $3,000,000 shortage in the city's appropriation, by scrapping the following vital services:

Day classes for adults in English and citizenship; evening elementary schools; evening high schools; evening trade schools; community and recreation centers; vacation playgrounds; after school athletic centers baths and pools; Nature education; summer play schools for all day care of children.

Drop Hundreds of Teaching Positions

Besides dropping 4,500 positions involved in these services, the Board planned elimination of the following teaching jobs: 1,566 in the elementary schools; 138 in the vocational high schools; 220 in the academic high schools and 108 in the junior high schools. With the existing overcrowded classes, the planned cuts in services would have made adequate teaching impossible.

Education is closely related to civic, social and economic independence. Better schools can promote the literacy necessary to develop an informed electorate; they can increase earning and consuming power on the part of the population as a whole; they can enlarge public interest in ideas and the development of greater economic independence. The public schools are the bulwark of democracy. Attacks upon the schools are calculated to reduce the intelligent participation in the affairs of the state and nation.

Originally in the United States all education was financed privately. Public education was available only to charity wards. The trade unions and progressives, however, in the early part of the 19th Century, raised the slogan of free public education for all children. Free education began to be financed from local taxation.

In New York State with extremes of wealth and poverty, progressive forces maintained that in order to provide for the equalization of educational opportunities between the rural and urban child the state with its broad taxing power must give greater assistance to the local governments and help to finance education.

In New York City, services have been eliminated and classroom standard's lowered. But the effects will be felt with full force in the second half of the school year if the state legislature at its next session in January does not restore full state aid. At least 675 teaching positions have been dropped. This means consolidation of already overcrowded classes. The number of classes to be consolidated are: elementary schools, 426; high schools, 168; junior high schools, 57; vocational schools, 24. In other words, there are hundreds of cases, where one teacher is to be used where previously two performed the work.

Day classes for adults in English and citizenship have been completely eliminated. Community recreation centers have been abolished. Last year, the Board of Education operated 135 community centers which registered an attendance of 7,939,978 people in the course of the year.

Evening schools have been drastically curtailed. Eighteen of the 44 evening elementary schools operated last year. The appropriation for the evening elementary schools has been cut by two-thirds; the doors will be closed to two-thirds of those who sought evening education last year. Evening hgih schools suffer a similar fate. The number of teachers has been cut from 900 to 600. A limited number of students will be admitted. Thus, in the face of needs for expansion of evening facilities, the teaching of industrial and educational subjects has been put on a skeleton basis.

Bad as the situation is now, it will be intensified at the next school term, if the cut in state aid is not restored. The Board of Education has served notice that kindergartens and evening schools cannot continue after January of next year unless restoration of state aid is forthcoming.

Those teachers who retained their jobs face threats of salary cuts. Other regular teachers face dismissal from their jobs on one flimsy pretext after another. If a teacher is married, she faces dismissal under a proposal suggested by Borough President Lyons of the Bronx; if she is getting on in years, she is threatened with dismissal for that reason. The crux of the matter is that the budget cutters want to drive down the standard of living. They begin by attacking public servants because their relative security is a guide to other workers.

1. Let the voters extract a pledge from every candidate for the Council that he will give his complete support to the campaign for restoration of full state aid by the State Legislature in January and that he will use his efforts to see to it that the city makes available funds to stop class consolidations with its intensification of problems for the child because of overcrowding, with its inevitable stretch-out and speed-up system for the teacher, and with its resulting unemployment for many teachers.

2. Let the people reject all candidates who fail to repudiate the attack on the schools.

3. Let us arouse the people to understand and demand a restoration of full state aid from the State Legislature in January.

The Communist candidates for the Council are not merely pledged to this program; they have consistently campaigned throughout the session of the state legislature for full state aid. Their election will guarantee a fight not only on the floor of the local legislature but in mobilizing the progressive people of the city behind the campaign for restoration of full state aid and continuance by the city of full educational services.

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The accompanying article is based on the Weekly Legislative News-Letter issued by the Legislative Bureau, New York State Committee, Communist Party.

Drawing by ELLIS

Folk Art Exhibition Opens In Moscow's Central Park

Russian folk poetry, from "The Lay of Prince Igor's Regiment," great 12th century opus, down to the present songs of the people of the Soviet Union, is the subject of an exhibition opened recently in the Central Park of Culture and Rest in Moscow.

The section that opens with "The Lay of Igor's Regiment" contains folklore referring to military events in Russian history. Folk legends and stories tell of medieval wars, of the Troublous Times in the 17th century and the era of Peter I. Fairy tales, proverbs and stories dating from the time of the Napoleonic invasion convey the mood of the people at that period.

In addition to folklore, the exhibition shows prints, placards and wooden statuettes. All these mediums are used to show how the art of the people depicts the Great Socialist Revolution, the Red Army, the heroes of the Civil War like Chapayev, Shchors and Budyonny, and the battles against the armies of intervention.

One section deals with the art of the pre-revolutionary past of the peoples of the USSR, an art that found expression in gloomy songs about working for the landowner, about prison-like factories and hopeless conditions. In contrast is another section devoted to the happy life in the Soviet Union today, which has given rise to a bright and cheerful art.

A folklore research committee attached to the exhibition gives information about the sources and treatment of the material.

'Mirele Efros,' Film Of Jewish Life, Opens At the Cameo Today

Credo Pictures film version of the international stage success, "Mirele Efros" opens today at the Cameo.

Berta Gersten, considered the leading dramatic actress on the Jewish stage takes the title role in this—her first—film appearance. She is supported by Michael Rosenberg and Ruth Elbaum currently appearing in "Pins and Needles." "Mirele Efros" was directed by Josef Berne, the discoverer of Julie Hayden and director of the still memorable "Dawn to Dawn."

Millen Brand to Direct 'The Outward Room'

The leading male role in Sidney Kingsley's play based on Millen Brand's novel, "The Outward Room," will be placed by Herbert Rudley, who is now appearing in "Abe Lincoln in Illinois." As already has been announced, the leading woman's part is to be played by Margo. Rehearsals of the play will begin today (Wed.) under direction of the author, and the opening is scheduled for mid-November at the Guild Theatre

Film Notes

Max Steiner, noted Continental composer, is writing an original musical score for Paul Muni's new Warner Bros. picture, "We Are Not Alone." The film, based on the novel by James Hilton, author of the current screen hit, "Good Bye Mr. Chips," is scheduled for national release on Nov. 25. In the cast supporting the two stars are Jane Bryan, Flora Robson, Una O'Connor and Montagu Love. Edmund Goulding directed the screen play. Amnog recent Steiner scores are "The Life of Emile Zola" and "The Old Maid."

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Rosemary Lane has recevied a new long term contract from Warner Bros. as a reward for her work in "Four Wives," forthcoming screen sequel to "Four Daughters," according to a wire from the film company's West Coast studio. The new picture, the third in which she has appeared with her sisters, Priscilla and Lola, is scheduled for release during the Christmas holidays. The two earlier family exhibits were "Four Daughters" and "Daughters Courageous."

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Warner Bros. have added Lee Patrick and Barbara Pepper to the cast of their forthcoming "Invisible Stripes," in which Geroge Raft is being starred, advises a West Coast wire. George Raft, Jane Bryan, Humphrey Bogart and William Holden head the cast of the film, which is now in production under the direction of Lloyd Bacon.

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"Beware Spooks!" Joe E. Brown's latest starring comedy, which was recently completed is scheduled for nationwide release on Oct. 24, according to an announcement made by Columbia Pictures this week. Mary Carlisle is the comedian's leading lady.

HUNT SECRETS

Beginning today and continuing for five days, the Academy of Music on 14th St. offers "Espionage Agent," starring Joel McCrea and Brenda Marshall.

'South of Joplin' Saga Of Western Miners

SOUTH OF JOPLIN: Story of a Tri-State Diggin's. By L. S. Davidson. W. W. Norton &Co., New York, $2.75.

By Caro Lloyd Strobell

The author of this important and absorbing chronicle was born and "fetched up" in the Diggin's—the lead and zinc mining district at the intersection of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. She has lived with these people the greater part of her life, teaching there at 16 and returning for long visits. To them she was never a "furriner," but a member of their "one big family," and is still affectionately known as "Lallah."

Her experiences are told in story form through the actions and quaint talk of the people, as recorded in that precious note-book which she was always hiding from guards. The scene is laid largely in Picher, Oklahoma—a community of old "fust Americans," sturdy, honest folk struggling in a countryside shorn of every vestige of beauty, starved in body and soul, toiling to produce a wealth in which they have scant or no share. Their shacks are often "unfit for animals," even families of eight live for years in homes made of two piano boxes, with sometimes a tar-paper kitchen. When the narrative opens in 1935, a local of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union had been formed and the fight was on between it and a company union, "the Local," later "the Blue Card Union."

The book is dedicated to "My Friends, Liz and Zeck." Liz is "wollowering in wealth," through the sale to a company of her two acres; Zeck, an old miner, has vowed "nary a bit to mix in them politics"; Mamie, unable to find a job, has fallen a victim to the Bloody Knuckle dance hall; Dan, a rebel against the overwhelming injustice, is dying of silicosis; Lutie, who becomes a serious Communist, is the son of the Lungrens, who by heroic effort manage to attain a certain comfort on a farm, which causes Liz to exclaim, "How beautiful folks like that cain live!" There is also the president of a company, the gunman Jeff, Redfeather, the Cherokee, and the "Hoods"—a kind of Black Legion.

Vivid Recordings

Miss Davidson's first sight on returning in 1935 was a battle between union pickets and State troopers sent by Governor Landon to protect a truck of non-union scabs. Sammie, her redheaded pupil, whom she remembered bringing a fistful of chat-stained daisies for teacher's table, was lying in the dust fatally shot, the crowd was gasping, children screaming from a stink bomb, and strikers running to cover from a second raid. A pregnant woman called out, "Elmer, wherever you air hid, fer Gawd's sake come out and join the Local."

There are vivid recordings of the life of the poverty-ridden, terror-stricken district — the "graveyard shift" with the attack on the pickets and the agonized scream of the victim; the revival when families, hungry for a treat, hurry to the tent

Methods familiar to all unionists were at work—terror and killings, arrests on murder charges, jailing in the filthy "pigpen," its black blankets crawling with lice, slanders in the company paper, refusal of relief to those not holding the company "work card." When a country dance was held at the Bloody Knuckle Alden, a mine-owner, offered $300 to all joining the "Blue Card."

"I shall always remember," writes Miss Davidson, "the courage of that little group of people who were opposing the companies. Men who had worked (many of them suffering from silicosis), whose children had been deprived of food and clothes, whose wives had given birth to babies without help of doctor or nurse, sat with shoulders stooped, looked at Alden with feverish eyes, but made no move to join the Blue Card. And three hundred dollars was a fortune to the strikers." The result was that three men who had worked underground with Sammie joined the strikers.

Deplorable Living Conditions

Deplorable living conditions cause disease—pellagra, smallpox, influenza—to sweep the homes of these unemployed "children of lead." Silicosis contracted underground brings years of torturous suffering, at first shortness of breath, loss of weight, weakness, symptoms often ignored through fear of losing the job. There are cases where men have worked up to the time when breathing deeply meant death. "A story is told by the miners of how their 'buddies' who knew that death was inevitable took one deep breath to end their suffering, thus choking in their own blood."

Smelter workers become "leaded," teeth crumble, gums recede until the patient looks inhuman and lingers in agony for years. No wonder that the majority of CIO members in Galena were former smelter men and were still striking after two years. When a committee called upon Governor Landon asking that something be done about these health hazards, Landon refused to allow their spokesman to address the legislature in behalf of a tuberculosis hospital.

There was some confusion among the miners at first when the Blue Card merged with the A. F. of L. and the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union transferred to the CIO. "Wot the hell does CIO stand fer anyhow?," said Liz. "I figured it might stand fer 'Come In Our' since that guy Lewis up and quit and organized like one big family." To be a CIO meant at first to be an object of terror. When Dan's silicosis developed into miner's con', he became a horrible sight and some children meeting him as he stumbled along the chat road and seize his CIO button, although he tried to reassure them, ran hiding in chat declivities, fled into doors of doghouses, crying, "Run, my Gawd, hits a CIOer." But the confusion cleared and miners, even Zeck, were "plumb sold on this here feller Lewis."

The chronicle suddenly ends in June, 1938, when the fight intensified, and increasing danger led Liz and Zeck to beg Lallah to flee. "'T'aint safe fer yer hide. We'uns cain pertect ourselves better'n you cain, fer we ain't never been away from the shudder of chat—hits in our blood." Far from the front, Miss Davidson in "South of Joplin" continues to work not only for the "honest shovelers" and miners of the Diggin's, but for all oppressed unionists.

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By STAN KURMAN

Looking 'Em Over From the 50-Yard Line

Funny how quickly the football season straightens itself out. Only a coupla weeks back and everything was up in the air. Now, going into the fourth big Saturday, things are settling down. Several teams which figured way up, like Holy Cross, Fordham and TCU are virtually out fo the running while others who didn't figure a look-in, like Pitt, Baylor and Texas A. and M., are right up there.

Out of all the helter-skelter only twenty-two of the nation's major elevens remain in the select unbeaten-untied grouping. And eight of those teams are paired off in four of the day's thrillers. Topping the afternoon's grid fare are the Alabama-Tennessee and Tulane-North Carolina tilts. Those four unbeatens have put the oomph in reports of Southern grid supremacy. Others unbeaten who come together are Pitt vs. Duquesne and Harvard vs. Penn.

Then there are some unbeatens which are slated to get the acid test to hang on to their perfect slates. There are Carnegie Tech, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Baylor and LIU.

Briefly going over the games involved:

ALABAMA-TENNESSEE—'Bama, which has beaten tougher opposition reigns light favorite over the still untested Vols. But Tennessee has a terrific attack with triple-threat and All-American hopeful George Cafego leading the way. Toss-up, but barring injuries the Alabama eleven which licked Fordham rates hot enough to reverse last year's upset win by Tennessee.

TULANE-NORTH CAROLINA—Tulane's double-team power has mowed through Clemson, Auburn and Fordham. But the Green Wave hasn't come on any slick passing attack such as the George Stirnweiss-Jim Lalanne pair put on High-scoring game. Omit this one from your football pool cards. (In fact omit 'em all. Any gambler is a sucker. But a guy who bets on football parleys is a Marmy special.)

CARNEGIE TECH-N.Y.U.—Carnegie hasn't looked too smooth mowing down. That N.Y.U. passing attack looks swell, even in defeat. Still those Skibos are generally late-comers and hard to stop once they get going. George Muha and Merlyn Condit are rounding into form. The Violet overhead game, paced by triple-threat star Ed Boell, will have to be clicking special extra to bag this one.

PITT-DUQUESNE—Pitt's razzle-dazzlers are hard to stop and figured aces and spades over the Dukes on form. Still it's one of these traditional intra-city games and anything can happen.

HARVARD-PENN—Penn, rated a power in the pre-season tabs, squeezed through Lafayette and Yale. Harvard, overlooked in training camp, set the season's record by pounding Chicago last week. With the brilliant Torbey McDonald back the Crimson is in a good spot for an upset.

NOTRE-DAME—The Irish have far too much power for the middies. But Navy always points for this one and maybe those three nose-margin victories took something out of the Irish. Although no-can-see, considering that tremendous Notre Dame man-power.

OHIO STATE-MINNESOTA—Now that Frankie Schmidt has that famous razzle-dazzle down to reasonable proportions, Ohio State is finally coming through on those potentialities. The last time Ohio came East, saw that the boys were burdened with too many plays. Now Schmidt is getting smart and is handling that swell material propertly. Even so, this is a good spot to pick a Minnesota come-back. Despite the loss to Nebraska and tie with Purdue, the Gophers still have plenty of team. And although they're at least temporarily out of the running themselves, they'd love to spoil some other team's Big Ten title hopes.

BAYLOR-NEBRASKA—Give me unlimited carfare and a ticket and this is the game I'd see. Baylor is one of the ever-dangerous Southwestern schools that play wild, unorthodox football—anything to win. That's what Baylor is going to do Saturday. Sure Nebraska is tough as hell and likely to win the Big Six title. But that Baylor confidence and spirit—and ability—gets the vote.

L.I.U.-BRADLEY TECH—This is a good game on the grid-iron or the court. And a much easier pick on the court. For although L.I.U. is in its customary state—unbeaten and untied—little Bradley rates much too tough for the Beemen. Already Dolly King stands out as one of the best met ball players around. Still the raw Blackbirds have plenty of team. But those reports from Bradley are fearful. L.I.U. needs the sharp-shooting of Schectman and Schwartz to win this one.

Hey Marmaduke! Nix on that Naked Reverse around my desk!

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NYU Coach Thinks of Boys in the European Trenches Who Can't Win, And Doesn't Mind Defeat So Much

Stevens Likes Football Much Better Than War, Thanks!

By Bernie Stephens

NYU football Coach Mal Stevens refuses to feel any disappointment over the defeat by North Carolina—because, "losing a football game is so small a thing compared to the disappointment and losses that the boys in the trenches of Europe are faced with today," he told the Daily Worker.

The Violet mentor, renowned also a lecturing surgeon, warmed to his subject as he walked off Ohio Field after directing a strenuous practice session for the Carnegie Tech game next Saturday.

"Over there," he said, "the young men of twenty or thereabouts are carrying guns on their shoulders instad of footballs under their arms. Here in America we find Polish, Jewish and Negro boys playing football side by side with boys of all other races and religions. The loss of a game can hardly make us forget how lucky we are that we are free of the persecutions and wars of Europe."

The Violet huskies showed all of the confidence that their coach later spoke of in the three-hour workout in the brisk late afternoon air, Ed Boell was tossing passes in rare form as the starting eleven, after loosening up in an exercise drill, ran through new formations especially prepared for the Scot dreadnought next Saturday.

Stevens seemed particularly interested in a formation that spread potential recivers of aerials very wide, ends along the line of scrimmage and backs a step behind, in a set-up that was reminiscent of profession, wide-open play.

Pittsburgh's Skibos can expect passes to fill the stadium zone Saturday, and may find tackles and centers on the receiving end of pass plays as Stevens opens the bag of tricks for the 1938 champs of the entire East. Carnegie will be favored to take NYU, but win, lose or tie, Stevens would rather have his boys playing football, than fighting wars.

Giants Lose Johnson For Bear Game

Defensive preparations occupied the entire practice period of the New York Giants yesterday as the National Football League championships went through an intensive session getting ready for the invasion by the powerful Chicago Bears.

A note of gloom was introduced to the workout by the failure of Larry Johnson's injured leg to respond to treatment as had been expected. There now seems doubt as to whether the big Indian center would be available to give Captain Mel Hein any relief.

Dodger Hopes Up with Addition of 2 Players

The chances of the Brooklyn Dodgers finishing well up in the Eastern Division of the National Football League continued to improve today after the acquisition of two more players in their rebuilding campaign.

Dodger President Dan Topping announced the purchase last night of Alex Shellogg, 210-pound tackle from Notre Dame and Dick Nardi, ex-Ohio State back, who played with the Detroit Lions last year.

And they're still after Luckman!

Carnegie Aces NYU Will Face

Improved Lions Expect to Take Princeton Sat'dy

By Lester Rodney

Up at Baker Field, the thin blue line of Columbia Lions is moving ahead rapidly under the impetus of Saturday's great game against the Army, and expects confidently to beat Princeton, and beat them soundly, this Saturday.

It begins to shape up as another good little Little team, able to win games against teams without too much manpower for it. A good guess right now on the rest of its schedule would have it beating Princeton, V. M. I., Navy and Colgate and going down before those two deep powerhouses, Tulane and Cornell.

Reason for the sharp uplift since the Yale defeat is apparent at the practice sessions. The sophomores have lost their stage fright and are absorbing the split second detail of Little's system more rapidly. Lou concentrates on one team as far as possible and makes it perfect, playing the first 11 as much as the 60 minutes as they'll go full speed. He has to do that with the paucity of material at scholastic Columbia anyhow, but it has its good points—team cohesion.

Len Will is beginning to hit harder and surer out of the spinner assortment. Brother sophomore Thorn Wood is backing up and blocking right smartly. De Augustinis is a speedy little outside threat who can go with blocking, and Stanczyk of course is close to already taking over Syd Luckman's mantle as the best back in the East.

The other two sophs on the starting line-up, both of whom came through with crashing performances against the Army, are center Don Snavely, brother of last year's Clyde, and Herb Maack at guard. They're going strong, and if Coach Lou has a far away and absent smile once in a while during practice sessions, you'll pardon him a stray thought of all these boys being back in 1940 together with the best freshman team he's seen at Morningside Heights yet.

He went to the Rose Bowl on once, remember. . . .

Tom Harmon Another Red Grange - Coach

'All American Now, Has Not Reached Peak'; Says Crisler

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Oct. 18 (UP).—Michigan's wolverines heralded halfback Tom Harmon today as another "galloping ghost," equaling Red Grange, the greatest collegiate football player, who left the game 14 years ago.

Harmon, said to break faster than a greyhound, has scored 34 points in two games. He ran wild in Saturday's game against Iowa, scoring four touchdowns, one of them a 91-yard run, and kicked three goals to tally all of Michigan's 27 points.

Michigan is a co-favorite with Ohio state to take their first big ten title in several seasons, but coach Fritz Crisler took time out to eulogize Harmon.

"He has everything," Crisler said. "He's best known as a runner, but I'd say his blocking and effective work are equally as good. Iowa threatened twice after their lone touchdown and Harmon stopped them twice.

"He's All-American in quality right now and he hasn't reached his peak yet. Grange was a great runner, but Harmon has all the qualities of a great player, offensively as well as defensively."

Harmon is a junior. He came to Michigan from Horace Mann High School at Gary, Ind., where he was All-State and the nation's leading scorer. Last year, he gained 405 yards for an average of more than five a try. He lost only seven yards all season and completed 21 out of 45 passes for 310 yards. Only one was intercepted.

A week ago Saturday against Michigan State, Harmon scored one touchdown, kicked the point, passed to Forrest Evashevski for two more touchdowns and set up the fourth with a toss to Paul Kromer.

Extremely popular with his teammates, the six foot, 194-pound Harmon explained:

"Anyone could have done it. We have real blockers on this team."

There are plenty of blockers on the squad, one of the best being quarterback Evashevski, who says of Harmon:

"First I run 'em at the flanks, then down the middle. Then I open the defense wide and then I close 'em up. It's very simple—with a guy like Harmon to do it."

Ozzie Simmons Clicking

With four touchdowns to his credit, Ozzie Simmons, fleet Uaterson Panther halfback led the individual scorers of the American Football Association as the 1939 campaign passed the halfway mark over last weekend. The star ball carrier heads the list with 24 points, but only two points behind him are his teammate, Al Sadusky, and Fella Gintoff, former Boston College star now carrying the pigskin for Providence.

DiMag Favored

Joe DiMaggio is heavily favored for the American League most valuable player award. Any competition will come from Dickey, Williams or Feller. Ruffing and Foxx should complete the first six.

Along Fistic Row

Jimmy Leto, Pittsburgh welter who is gunning for a shot at Henry Armstrong's crown, showed a punch but little savvy in outpointing Milo Theodorescu, Rumanian kisser kisser, in the future eight at the Coliseum Tuesday night.

Jimmy had Milo on the deck in the fourth but couldn't deliver the finisher against the good-box-no-hit welter. In the semi-final eight Augie Arrelano beat Frank Young. In scheduled sixes, Peter Cappy kayoed Joey Green in the fifth and Charley Varre beat Herb Gilmore.

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Bernie Friedkin earned another Al Davis match by licking Pete Galiano in the top eight at the Broadway Arena Tuesday night. . . . Yet Nickey Jerome had too much on the ball for tough little Baby Yack in a companion eight.

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Unbeaten Vinnie Vines, sensational upstate junior welter, whipped Pat Foley in the top eight at White Plains Tuesday night. . . . Eddie Miller, Philly middleweight, stopped Pat Durban in the fourth of the scheduled eight-round semi . . . just call your kid Eddie Miller and you've got a standout athlete, lady. . . . There's that guy who covers plenty shortstop for the Boston Bees, the brilliant rookie back for the grid Giants and this fighter fellow . . . all named Eddie Miller . . . or maybe its the same guy. . . .

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Next Coliseum attraction shows **Johnny Bellus, belting Polish kid against Tommy Spiegel, tough weight from Uniontown, Pa., in the top eight on the Amby McGarry benefit card tomorrow night . . . proceeds to the late Amby's family . . . winner to face Lew Jenkins. . . .**

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After a fourth-month absence from the ring, slugging Julie Kogan makes his fall debut against Joe Torres in the top eight at Jamaica Arena Wednesday night. . . .

Petey Scalzo's hopes for a feather title bout were squelched by Simon Chavez, South American champ at Caracas, Venezuela, on Sunday night. . . . Chavez, who has beaten "Champ" Joey Archibald, got the nod over the Hell's Kitchen Italian kid. . . .

Attendance Up, Pro Game Heads for Biggest Year

With attendance at National Football League games for the first five weeks of the season running to 10 per cent ahead of last year's record pace, the professional circuit apparently is headed for its greatest season in history.

The first 23 games this season have averaged an increase of 2,000 spectators a game over last year. Last Sunday's four games drew 120,141, and marked the passing of the 100,000 mark for one Sunday a week earlier than in 1938.

Cleveland, Philadelphia and Washington are running well in advance of their 1938 attendance. All the other clubs except Pittsburgh are even or slightly ahead of a year ago. Pittsburgh's attendance is lower than a year ago when they had Whizzer White as a big drawing card.

The Coach of the Week --- Charley Bowser of Pitt

The United Press nominates for the coach of the week—

CHARLES WILLIAM BOWSER OF PITTSBURGH.

Pittsburgh lost more than a great coach when Dr. Jock Sutherland resigned; it lost the backbone of what was one of the great college teams of the nation last season. Six varsity linemen and three-fourths of the 1938 "dream backfield" were gone when Bowser stepped in and took charge of football at Pittsburgh this season.

But today, to the surprise of almost everybody, he has an unbeaten, united team and last Saturday his boys conquered mighty Duke, Eastern representative in the Rose Bowl last year, by 14 to 13.

At the start of the season there were storm signals flying at Pitt, warning those who would heed that Bowser was going to have a pretty fair club. He took his boys to the pacific coast and gave Washington a 27 to 6 licking. Then he trimmed West Virginia 20 to 0. Football may be de-emphasized at Pittsburgh, but you would have a hard time convincing Washington, West Virginia and Duke of that.

Bowser is a product of the great days of Pop Warner at Pitt. He played on the varsity in 1920-21-22. One of the odd things about him is that he established a reputation as a good football player, although he played every position except fullback. He shifted from end to quarterback to tackle to center to guard without losing efficiency.

His coaching career began at Grove City College in Pennsylvania as assistant to Chalky Williamson. He became head coach in 1924. Three years later Bowser went to Pitt as assistant coach, remaining there until 1929. In 1930 he switched to Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., where he was head coach for five years.

He returned to Pitt as assistant coach in 1935 and remained until the spring training season of 1938. Then he resigned and was out of football until chosen to succeed Sutherland.

Fishing, bridge and golf (he is getting so he can break 90 now) are his hobbies. He is married and has two children—William, 7, and Ann, 5.

Bowser never drives his players, believing that if they don't have it in them to play good football nobody can force them. The principal change he has made in Pitt's style of play is that he uses the forward pass as a scoring weapon whereas Sutherland used it chiefly to spread the opposition defense preparatory to striking along the ground.

LITTLE LEFTY — by del